DO NOT REJOICE BECAUSE THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.

LUKE 10:20

July 7, 2019
REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

“Live and let live.” “Mind your own business.” “Leave well enough alone.” “It’s not your problem.” “Don’t get involved.” So goes the wisdom of the world, the law of the jungle. One of these sayings may come to mind when you see a car accident, a bum on the sidewalk, a competitor going bankrupt, a parent slapping a child, a teenage prostitute, a news story about illegal immigrants being deported.

We who have received the love of Christ are to live by a different law. It is “very near to you...in your hearts; you have only to carry it out” (Deuteronomy 30:14). We are to live in Christ’s love and let our neighbor experience that same life-giving love. And yet, like the “scholar of the law” in today’s Gospel, we always try to define who is—or more precisely, who isn’t—our neighbor. There’s no escaping the message of this Gospel passage. Everyone we fear or despise, every victim, every outsider, every undeserving soul whom God loves, we are to “go and do likewise.”

—Virginia Stillwell

LIVING GOD’S WORD: The good Samaritan doesn’t ask the victim, “Who did this to you?” or “Did you deserve it?” or “Can you pay me back?” Like Christ, the Samaritan reveals “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15) by treating the suffering person with compassionate mercy and healing his wounds, not counting the cost.

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GOD’S PROVIDENCE

Today’s readings celebrate God’s providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us “as a mother comforts her child.” The prophet describes us not as the usual “children of God,” but as “babies.” We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God’s care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul’s trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can “make troubles” for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

It’s high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are “among the missing.” Some find the summer’s call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the “sabbatical” rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, “Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live.” By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society’s life.

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School Supplies

The churches of Warrenville once again will collect school supplies for the needy children in our community. This year St. Irene has been assigned 90 students in 1st and 2nd grades. We will collect the school supplies through Sunday, July 28th. This year we will distribute “supply packs” - therefore there is no need to purchase backpacks.

School supply list

- 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- Pre-sharpened Ticonderoga wood pencils
- Pink pearl erasers
- Fiskar Scissors
- Elmer’s glue
- Glue sticks
- 8 Count Washable Broad Tip Markers
- Composition Notebooks
- Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled (70 count)
- Vinyl pocket folders – 2 red, 1 yellow, 1 orange, 1 blue, 1 purple, 1 green
- Pencil Box
- 1 inch think flexible binder (polycarbonate)

We will sort and pack the supplies on Wednesday, July 31st at 9AM in the ACL. The block party will be on August 3rd at Johnson school from 11AM-1PM. If you can help distributing the supplies or manning our treat table, phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or sign up in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Lord, Teach Me To Pray

On Saturday, July 20 at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, in River Forest there will be a Training-Retreat for the “Lord, Teach Me To Pray” Ignatian prayer series. There is no charge for the retreat or for the materials. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! You are also invited to participate if you are interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the “Lord, Teach Me To Pray” prayer series that we will be offering here at St. Irene. For more information, or to register, call Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122. You may also phone 504.439.5933 to register with the program director.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Isaiah 66:10-14c
♦ The Lord’s power shall be known.

**Background:** This passage was written to encourage those who had returned from exile in the sixth century B.C. Those who returned faced an overwhelming task of rebuilding. One major theme of the third section of the book of Isaiah was the continued promise of a glorious New Jerusalem.

Reading II: Galatians 6:14-18
♦ I boast of nothing but the cross!

**Background:** The second reading is the conclusion of Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. Paul was not as concerned over the success of his preaching as he was over his fidelity to Christ and his cross.

♦ I am sending you as lambs.

**Background:** Only the Gospel of Luke includes the story of sending the seventy-two preachers out in addition to the Twelve Disciples. Seventy-two was a number sometimes used to symbolize the Gentiles. In light of Luke’s interest in the Gentiles, it is fitting that today’s passage includes a speech to suggest the mission to the Gentiles.

**Theme:** We are called to evangelize.

**Question for Adults:**
To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you called to do for the Reign of God?

**Question for Youth:**
Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn’t be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

**Question for Children:**
How do you let others know about your faith?

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Attention All High School and College Students!

Come be part of a student small group this summer! We meet on Sunday Nights at 7PM in the ACL. This student-led small group is for college and high school students at any point in their faith journey to create community and explore their faith post-confirmation. For more information, contact Miranda Simon at 630.360.4916 or simonmah@uni.edu or Laura Seiberlich at lcseiberlich@noctrl.edu or 630.330.0072.

Early Bird Religious Education registration fees through July 15th. Register Today!

Please visit [www.st-irene.org](http://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.

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Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers
♦ Elaine Zahorsky
♦ Kathy Talc
Step-sister of Patrick O’Connor
Welcome to Summer!

Nothing says summer like a refreshing salad dinner. Please join the CCW on Tuesday, July 16th at 6PM in the ACL for our Summer Social & Service Project. You are welcome to bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

A light salad supper will be provided as we pray over and assemble the Boxes of Joy items we have been collecting to send to children around the world at Christmas.

This Cross Catholic OUTREACH ministry has been our CCW focus throughout the Diocese of Joliet for the past 2 years and has brought much JOY to all the participants as well as the children who receive these gifts, the FIRST Christmas gift they've ever gotten. Come to share fellowship as we assemble these boxes and see an inspiring video that will warm your heart as children from Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic smile with JOY!

Collection boxes for donated items will be in the Narthex 7/6 and 7/13.

Please see list of needed items to be packed.

https://crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy/

GIFT DONATION IDEAS

(must fit in shoe box)

♦ **Toys:** small plush toys/animal, small ball, car, truck, doll, puzzle, finger puppet, silly putty, hacky sack, unopened fast food toys, Legos, harmonica or kazoo, jump rope, paddle ball, slinky, mini board game, craft kit

♦ **School Supplies:** colored pencils, solar calculator, sharpener, small board books, erasers, pencil case, crayons, pens, markers, glue stick (no liquid), safety scissors, coloring book, notepad, stickers, flash cards, dry paint

♦ **Apparel/Accessories:** socks, shorts, underwear, t-shirts, flip flops, bandanas, hats, shoelaces, plastic poncho, watch, purse, wallet, sunglasses, necklaces, hair ribbons, headbands, scrunchies, barrettes, bracelets, earrings, scarf, cross, rosary

♦ **Useful Items:** sewing kit, utensils, compass, LED key chain, duct tape, no-battery flashlight, drawstring bag

♦ **Hygiene/Home:** comb, brush, bar soap, fork/spoon, cup/bottle w/lid, toothpaste in box, toothbrush, floss, lip balm, bandages, hand wipes (no gels), tissues, manicure kits, nail clippers, emery board

♦ **DO NOT PACK:** Food, beverages, medicine, vitamins, shampoo, nail polish, gels, chocolate, toy weapons (police or military), glass, breakables, knives, tools, ANY liquids
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, July 7
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

Monday, July 8
7-8p - Charitable Giving Information Meeting (ACL)

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

Wednesday, July 10
6:30-9p - Protecting God’s Children (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, July 11
11:30a-1p - Warrenville Persons in Ministry (ACL)
6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

Sunday, July 14
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

Feed My Starving Children
FMSC’s Aurora packing site is running a full schedule this summer, but due to summer schedules and vacations, volunteering is down.
Do you have a couple hours during the daytime or evening? Come pack with us! Groups of any size are welcome. Please sign up for your desired session at www.fmsc.org. Children thank you!

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

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
♦ When: 1-week camps running in June or July
  Grades 1-6, Mon.-Fri. 9AM-2:30PM
  Grades 7-12, Sun.-Thurs. 7-9PM
♦ Where: Hosted by 36 Parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet
♦ Cost: Grades 1-6 - $35, Grades 7-12 - $15
Do you want your children to spend a week at camp with fun, young adult role models who are on fire with the love of Christ? Then register for Totus Tuus! Kids and teens at our camp will not only learn about the blessings of the Sacraments and Praying the Rosary, but will grow in faith, love, friendship and virtue because of their time interacting with these joyful teachers who help them really encounter Christ.
Register online at www.givecentral.org/TTJoliet.

Quo Vadis Days 2019
Quo Vadis is a sports and adventure camp for 13 to 18-year-old men put on by the seminarians of both the Diocese of Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago at the Loyola retreat and Ecology Center in Woodstock, IL from July 28-31, 2019.
The camp consists of talks, sports, games, a ropes course, Mass, prayer and time spent with seminarians and priests learning how to live as good men.
More information can be found at: vocations.archchicago.org/events/quo-vadis-days

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:  Gn 32:23-33: Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:  Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:  Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:  Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:  Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:  Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
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.

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

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

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of Charity

Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection! Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link.

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - 29 Palms, CA
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
Capt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
E3 Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, San Diego
1st Class Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Loheny USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSGt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, July 8
Weekday
7:00AM - Kathy Talc/ Patrick O'Connor

Tuesday, July 9
St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
7:00AM - Ceil Schwickert/ Friends

Wednesday, July 10
Weekday
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, July 11
St. Benedict
9:00AM - Ted Mlsna/ Family
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 12
Weekday
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Saturday, July 13
Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Lorraine Weber/ Family

Sunday, July 14
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Frank Siele/ Family
10:00AM - Birthday/Anniversary Mass
Greg True/ Friends
Barbara Seaberg/ Carl Seaberg
John Bivens Jr./ Marge Steinhoff

Protecting God's Children

This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.

The next workshop at St. Irene is Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30PM in the ACL.

Registration for the classes can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.

Registration is required. If unable to do online, call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.