"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

Luke 10:40

July 21, 2019 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

Our readings pair up the story of Jesus coming to dine at Martha and Mary’s house with God coming to dine with Abraham and Sarah. And just as Abraham turned to Sarah for help in preparing the meal, Martha turns to her sister for a hand. After all, why should one person bear the burden of serving the Lord?

But Mary does not come into the kitchen, even after hearing her sister banging things around in there, perhaps a little more loudly than usual. Instead, she stays sitting at the foot of the Lord, listening to him. Martha, not one to keep her thoughts to herself, addresses directly the cause of her sister’s prolonged delay: “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” (Luke 10:40).

As a matter of fact, Jesus didn’t care. What he did care about was that Martha was all “anxious and worried about many things” (10:41). Jesus did not care about busy Martha but about worried and anxious Martha. Even more simply, what he cared about was Martha. Not the meal, not the table, not the time they ate, or whatever else was bothering her. He just cared about Martha—and Mary, too, of course. But he didn’t have to worry as much about Mary.

Perhaps we could consider this simply a story about Jesus visiting two very dear friends and wanting some time with them both, together. And if that was true then, why wouldn’t it be true now? If you find yourself worried and anxious these days, give yourself some time with the Lord.

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We can pray that we find that balance between serving the Lord in our brothers and sisters and spending time in the presence of the Lord, both as members of the community of believers and as individuals whom Jesus loves very much.

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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.

Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
There’s a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God’s deep desire for us to know divine love.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10a
♦ Please stop and stay with us.

Background: In today’s reading from Genesis, Abraham offers hospitality with the generosity typical of a nomadic chief. Even though the guests were unknown, Abraham entertained them lavishly. Through this, he earned the satisfaction of having entertained the Lord who had come to repeat His promise of a son to Abraham.

Reading II: Colossians 1:24-28
♦ The mystery of Christ is your hope.

Background: The Letter to the Colossians presents a third image of discipleship. Paul was portrayed as a prisoner who suffered for preaching the good news of Christ. He had become a minister of the Word.

♦ Martha, Martha!

Background: In today’s Gospel story, Martha exercised the role expected of women in her culture when she entertained her guest. Mary assumed the role of the disciple. The story illustrated that Christian discipleship was open to both men and women.

Theme: Hospitality - We welcome Jesus in our lives.

Question for Adults:
The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

Question for Youth:
Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

Question for Children:
Name a time when your shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

Teams forming for our Hospitality Ministry
Teams will be comprised of 6 - 8 people and rotate on a monthly basis. If enough people come forward, the time commitment will be one or two hours, every other month. Duties include ordering and picking up donuts/bagels, making coffee, pouring juice, setting out donuts/bagels, cups, plates, napkins. This is a great service project for families. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the hospitality team, please phone Annette 630.393.2400 x 122.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.
Upcoming workshop at St. Irene is Wednesday, August 7th 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, please call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.

St. Irene’s Lunch Bunch Annual Summer Picnic
Thursday, August 1, 2019
Cerny Park Pavilion – Forestview and River Roads in Warrenville
11:30AM– 2PM

Picnic lunch of fried chicken and rolls (supplied by our ministry). Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

LAST NAMES STARTING WITH:
♦ A-L: desserts and fruit
♦ M-Z: salads and jello

Please bring your own beverage and preferred lawn chairs – there are picnic tables and seating available. Rain, Stormy, or Excessive heat weather – meet in the ACL.

Please RSVP NO LATER than Monday, July 29th.
Annette: annette@st-irene.org 630.393.2400 x 122
Denise: dcagsch@comcast.net
Wedding Anniversary Mass

The 41st Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 18 at 2PM** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of **25 years and more**, are welcome to attend. Bishop Conlon will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. Those who bring a camera can also have a special picture taken with the bishop on the occasion of their anniversary. Please register as soon as possible by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815.838.5334.

Feed My Starving Children: The 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](http://www.fmsc.org).

Parish Office Summer Hours

- **Monday - Thursday**: 9AM-3PM
- **Friday**: 9AM-12PM

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2019

**Pledge Report**

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Thanks you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815.838.8515.

Run for Life 2019 - Join us on Saturday, August 3rd at St. John the Baptist in Winfield for a 5K Run & 2.2-mile walk. Registration online at [www.raceroster.com/23517](http://www.raceroster.com/23517). On-site registration starts at 6:30AM. There will be a Pre-race Mass in the chapel at 7AM and the race starts at 8AM. There will be a pancake breakfast for all participants! Performance tees for the first 100 registrants! All proceeds and sponsorships benefit Waterleaf Women’s Center. Questions? Contact Christine Kania at christine.kania@gmail.com or 630.532.7813.

Catholic Family Day - Six Flags Great America presents the annual Catholic Family Day Event! Come on August 3rd with your parish, your parish group, or just with your family for an entire day to celebrate Catholic Family Day! The event will include Mass located in the Wilderness Theater beginning at 4PM. Tickets are only $37.99 (plus tax) per person. Tickets are available online only: [www.sixflags/greatamerica](http://www.sixflags/greatamerica) and enter the code word **CATHOLIC**.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - WWME begins with a private weekend experience with presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. **WWME supports living in love!** Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is August 9-11 in Elk Grove Village. For reservations, or more information, please call 630.577.0778 or go to [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org).

Catholic Charities Golf Outing at Cantigny - Catholic Charities is hosting A Swing and a Prayer golf outing on August 15 with a shotgun start at 1PM at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton. Standard foursome of golf is $1,040 and cost for a single player is $260 after 7/15. All player fees include 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, dinner, and on-course contests. Tickets are available by calling 815.724.1140 or online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Proceeds from A Swing and a Prayer benefit the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Contact Pete Kinsella at 630.519.6531 or pkinsella@cc-doj.org. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, July 21
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

Monday, July 22
6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

Tuesday, July 23

Wednesday, July 24
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

Sunday, July 28
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

Help is needed at the Block Party on August 3rd from 11AM–1PM at Johnson School

Helpers are needed who will donate one hour to distribute school supplies, supervise games, and help at the treat table, please phone Annette @ 630.393.2400 x 122 to reserve your time slot or sign up at table located in the narthex.

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.

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers
♦ Paula Lopat

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is ME.
—Anonymous

Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 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 11AM-1PM on Monday, August 12 and Friday, August 16. Contact Marge Steinhoff at mpst37@aol.com or 630.851.3708 for information or to help.
Healing Horizons is a parish support group where people help people through the difficult experience of loss through death, divorce, or separation. Our focus is on the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of those who attend. People from all faiths are encouraged to join us on Mondays, August 5 and August 19 from 6:30-8PM in the lower level of the Activity Center. For more information, contact Sue Battaglia at 312.213.2119.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday: Ex 20:1-11; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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Capt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
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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 Raspicka - Fort Bliss, Texas

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
7:00AM - Josephine Allen/ 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, July 23
St. Bridget
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Wednesday, July 24
St. Sharbel Makhlūf
7:00AM - Patricia Byrne/ Lovstad Family

Thursday, July 25
St. James
7:00AM - For the Recovery of Fr. Jim
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July 26
Ss. Joachim and Anne
7:00AM - Margaret Hatch/ 1st Anniversary
James Cronin/ 1st Anniversary

Saturday, July 27
Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Paula Lopat/ St. Irene Community

Sunday, July 28
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Cell Schwickeit/ Friends
10:00AM - Elsie Simon/ Family
Joe Gattone/ Bob & Rose Kent
Charlie Schubert/ Jackowiak Family
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

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