Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2
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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer’s light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God’s word against the nation’s political alliances and against the king’s penchant to trust in military machines. As a result he found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

LIVING GOD’S WORD: Each of us must choose to step into some unknown, guided by our God-given vision of what our lives must be about, a vision to which others are often blind. At these moments one can feel both most alone and most alive.

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In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday’s solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ’s victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the “Dormition of the Theotokos,” or the “Falling Asleep of the God-bearer.” There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary’s life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary’s death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary’s body rising to heaven. She greeted him as “my friend,” and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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

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

COMING SOON!
SAVE THE DATE FOR OCT. 12th
ROSARY PRAYER RALLY

October 13th is the 102nd Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of The Sun. In response to Mary’s Requests, we will again partner with St. Thomas Faith Community to create a Prayer Chain, in conjunction with America Needs Fatima’s Rosary Rally initiative, joining with people from across the country to honor Our Lord and Blessed Mother. As we did the past two years, our Prayer Chain will consist of 11 Prayer Stations connecting both parishes together. Our efforts last year brought 225 souls together as we lifted our hearts in unison and prayed for World Peace and the conversion of sinners. With your prayers, we hope to top that number this year! All who participated in the past will attest to the beauty, joy and peace that fills their hearts and souls through the experience. Please save the date...Saturday, Oct. 12th at 12 Noon, and join us as we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Sign-up and information on this Blessed Prayer Event will be available shortly!

Come Learn about the Life of St. Teresa of Calcutta
Thursday, August 22
6-9PM (6-7PM Potluck Dinner)
St. Joan of Arc Church
Parish Center, Room 22
820 Division St., Lisle, IL

Michael Lewandowski will present on the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She was born in 1910 in Albania amid violence and death. At the age of 12, God called Teresa to Him as a religious, spending the next 20 years teaching young girls. During this time, she had many profound and powerful experiences with the poor that guided her to her ultimate vocation.

In 1946 while riding on a train, Jesus spoke to her asking her to start a new religious community to serve the poor by embracing poverty and simplicity. She was eventually granted permission from Rome and walked into the slums of Calcutta in 1948. Her mission was to ensure that all people received the love of God from her and her Sisters.

For more information and to RSVP, visit: signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9A92CA3FF2-cloud14
The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

August is Catholic Charities Month!

Although the summer weather is a welcome break from the harsh Chicagoland winters, it creates expenses and challenges for those who live on poverty-level incomes. Hot days can be dangerous, (even deadly) for individuals who live outdoors or have homes without air conditioning. Children don’t have access to free (or reduced price) school meals over summer break. Working parents on tight budgets struggle to afford safe and reliable childcare to cover the months when school is out. Isolated seniors quietly suffer in the heat.

Unfortunately, summer is also a time when charitable donations drop, but our client numbers remain high. Our poor and vulnerable neighbors need your help today…for a nutritious meal, a safe place to stay, and for the extra bit of assistance that can make a real difference.

August is Catholic Charities Month and we pray that you will give a gift which will create a positive impact on someone living in poverty. All of our programs and services have seen the impact of the high temperatures this summer. Our work is only possible because of God’s grace and your generosity. Can you help? There are several easy ways to donate:

♦ Send a check to: Catholic Charities, 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403
♦ Call 815.724.1140
♦ Donate online: catholiccharitiesjoliet.org

On behalf of those we serve, thank you! To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

**Catholic Charities Mission:** We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.
### This Week’s Meetings

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### Opportunities to become involved in the ministries of YOUR Church

#### Social Justice Ministry:
- Food Pantry

#### Education Ministry:
- Catechist/assistant: Pre-School
- Catechist/assistant: Elementary
- Catechist/assistant: Jr. High
- Catechist/assistant: High School
- Bible Study Facilitator

#### Formation Ministry:
- RCIA
- Baptism prep
- Baptism prep child care
- Marriage prep
- Small Christian Communities

#### Liturgical Ministry:
- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Altar Server – Elementary/ Jr. High Level
- Altar Server – High School
- Choir – Adults
- Choir – Children
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leaders/ Assistants/ Musicians
- Usher/ Greeter

#### Hospitality:
- Seniors LunchBunch Leader & Assistants
- New Parishioner Welcome Team
- Monthly Hospitality

#### Pastoral Ministry:
- Minister to the Homebound

### Registration is OPEN!

**ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

Bliss Creek Golf Club, Sugar Grove

12PM Registration  
1PM 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

#### Registration Form

- Name:___________________________________  
- Phone:__________________________________  
- Email:___________________________________  
- Ministry: _________________________________

### YES! After prayerful consideration, I will help! (Please drop in collection.)

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Jules Emet Lohman
Rev. Scott Lohman
Virginia Alvinto
Monica Wojtowicz
Fr. Jim
Jim Lytle
Pat Wehner
Rob Miller

Sandy Decker
Rachel Jaraisus
Paulette Porter
Lynette Meany
Javier Tecuati
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:  Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:  Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:  Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:  Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:  Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - 29 Palms, CA
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
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1st Class Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
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TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Sgt. Levi Dieter - Virginia Marine Base
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
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