TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14
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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.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

It’s said that we never really grow up until both of our parents have died. I suspect that most who have had to walk that path recognize some truth there. So when the Gospel advises us to turn our back on father and mother and family and even on ourselves - maybe it’s not about rejecting but about becoming able to live the gospel more maturely, about releasing our grip on the past and growing up. Maybe letting go of childish things is the cost and also the wisdom of the God who waits patiently for us.

One of life’s tasks, it seems, is to learn the balancing act between loving without possessiveness and relinquishing without indifference or abandonment. In truth, perhaps we never really learn to balance the two. We mostly lean in the direction opposite where we are at the time, until we suspect we may have leaned too far and switch directions. It’s a wisdom we come to that’s worthwhile for parenting but also for marriage and one’s profession and growing old and just about everything else that life serves up.

This balancing is also at the heart of faith and discipleship. It’s how we come to recognize the hand of God in our lives, by living in such a way that God has the freedom to rearrange the pieces and so bring us to fuller life. It’s the wisdom that teaches us how to be a disciple but also the sort of discipleship that brings us to wisdom. It’s also the light shining forth in today’s reading from the book of Wisdom.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
Bliss Creek Golf Club, Sugar Grove
12PM Registration - 1PM Shotgun Start
For more information, contact the Athletic Board at saint.irene.athleticboard@gmail.com

LIVING GOD’S WORD: “Renounce your possessions,” the Gospel insists (Luke 14:33). We can’t say that we always have. Rather, it seems that we’ve often done more accumulating than renouncing. And yet each accumulation may have made room for one more way of being made new as the disciples we all are called to become.

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Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God’s people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was “full, conscious, and active,” a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b
♦ How can we know God, unless God gives us wisdom?

Background: This reading is a set of reflections from Solomon’s prayer. The questions do not look for answers; they serve as an act of praise. God’s wisdom offers understanding on how to live.

Reading II: Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17
♦ Receive another, not as a slave, but as a very dear brother or sister.

Background: Paul’s letter to Philemon provides a good example of how to encourage members of a community to act in a responsible, Christian way. Treating a slave as a brother was unthinkable in the social context of the era. Paul’s short letter illustrates living by God’s wisdom rather than human wisdom.

♦ Whoever does not renounce possessions cannot be my disciple.

Background: In the New Testament, Jesus is the incarnation of God’s wisdom, the teacher who taught us how to live. Jesus uses examples from human experience to illustrate messages with deeper meanings. Jesus uses the example of a wise builder to stress that discipleship is an all-consuming vocation.

Theme: Commitment is required to follow Jesus.

Question for Adults:
Today’s Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman “denounce your possessions?” What does this mean for you?

Question for Youth:
Jesus tells His disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Children:
Jesus says that in order to be one of His followers, we must be close to Him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers
♦ Genevieve Doyle

We are focusing on virtues, or good habits, to put into practice in our daily lives. The insert, found in the bulletin, lists many ways we can grow in the virtue of faith. Making small changes to our daily routines can lead us on beautiful new pathways. The virtue of faith is about seeing and doing. The person of faith sees what the unbeliever cannot imagine. To say “I believe” means that God has given me a different perspective on daily experiences and the purpose of life.

Through eyes of faith, I know powerful angels are helping, guiding and protecting me. I know the Mother of God and the saints are constantly with me, involved in my life and supporting me by the power of their prayers. I know that God works through physical things; the grace needed to transform the world is available in the gift of Reconciliation, in a drop of Holy Water, in the Eucharist; and that God is waiting in the tabernacles around the world, hidden under the appearance of bread so we can be physically close to Him. And most importantly, I know that every human life is also a spiritual person whose purpose is to gain Heaven and reach life with God in eternal joy.

If we see the world this way, it changes how we act and it allows God to act in our lives. Christ was not able to perform miracles in communities that closed their minds and hearts to Him. As we grow in the virtue of faith, let us open our hearts to Christ! When we do, He is able to work miracles in us and through us.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a; 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]
OCTOBER 12th
FATIMA ROSARY PRAYER RALLY

St. Irene is partnering with St. Thomas for this year’s *Fatima Rosary Prayer Rally*, Saturday, October 12th at 12PM. On that day, it’s anticipated 23,000 Prayer Chains will be created across the country. 225 people signed up last year, and we’re hoping to top that number! All who participated the past two years will agree that the 40-minute Prayer Event was a most blessed experience. This year we will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from, set up along a route connecting both parishes. We’re excited to continue the tradition of praying the Rosary *en español* at Station #8. Please join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for the Conversion of sinners and World Peace. Check the Bulletin and Parish Website for more details. Sign up in the Narthex or via email at fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com.

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

National Day of Remembrance - On Saturday, September 14, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in the Diocese of Joliet with the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet on Saturday, September 14th at 1PM at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Rd. in Romeoville. For more information, contact Christine Kania at 630.532.7813 or cmkania@bu.edu.

“Walk for Life” - The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland would like to invite your parish to our annual “Walk for Life.” Meet new friends, walk the beautiful 5k trail, grab a hot dog, play some competitive wiffle ball, and maybe take home the winning tournament trophy! Fun for the entire family while supporting the lifesaving mission of The Women’s Centers! Saturday, September 21st – Kickoff rally begins at 9:45AM followed by picnic and wiffle ball tournament. For information go to [www.GoTWC.org](http://www.GoTWC.org).

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall and Museum - September 26-30, Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside will proudly display the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall and Museum. This exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and will provide many events and ceremonies to honor the more than 58,000 who lost their lives for our freedom. All are welcome!
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, September 8**
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)

**Monday, September 9**
- 1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
- 4:30-5:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)
- 5:30-6:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)
- 7-9p - Faith Formation Board (Staff)

**Tuesday, September 10**
- 3-5p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 5-7p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 7-8p - Bridge Communities (Staff)
- 7-9p - School Board (HF)

**Wednesday, September 11**
- 8:30-10:30a - PACE (ACL)
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 3-5p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 5-6p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 6-7p - General Meeting for Liturgical Ministers (ACL)

**Thursday, September 12**
- 1:45-3:15p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 3:15-4:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
- 6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

**Friday, September 13**
- 12-8p - St. Irene Panther Golf Outing (Off Site)
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)

**Saturday, September 14**

**Sunday, September 15**
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)
- 11a-12:30p - Hospitality Ministers Training (ACL)

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**Thank You** to Diane Lichtenberg for her many years of service in our parish hospitality ministry. She served with a smile and a good word for everyone. She made each hospitality Sunday a special occasion with her cheerful decorations and welcoming disposition. She made sure everything was “just right” for everyone, especially the children. May God Bless you Diane, for generously sharing your gift of hospitality with us.

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**Saturday, October 5th from 11AM-3PM**
- Bungee Sports Challenge
- Giant Pumpkin Bounce House
- Inflatable Twister & Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Trunk-or-Treat & Face Painting
- Food Truck & Cake Walk
- Book Fair & Games

**Bring your friends and neighbors! This is an event for the whole community!**

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**RE Orientation**
**Must Be Registered by September 13th to Attend**

Orientation for grades 1-6 is on Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30PM in Church.

Orientation for grades 7-8 & HS is on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30PM in Church.

Easy online registration for all 1st-8th grades & HS is available on our website! Look for the yellow box on the homepage.

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

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**Parish Cookout**

**Sunday, September 22**
Following 10AM Mass

Join us for a **free** lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and lemonade.

Bring blankets and chairs to enjoy lunch on the parish grounds.
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.

Healing Horizons

Healing Horizons is a grief support group. We welcome those in all stages of grief to interact with others in similar situations. We are a comfortable, confidential and safe place where you can express what you feel. We do so from a Christian perspective to help our members make some sense of what has happened in their lives.

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 Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendelton
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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
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Raspicka - Fort Bliss, Texas

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, September 9
St. Peter Claver
7:00AM - For the Recovery of Fr. Jim

Tuesday, September 10
Weekday
7:00AM - Amelia Jung/ Marge Steinhoff

Wednesday, September 11
Weekday
7:00AM - Mariah Michelle DeLuna/ 1st Anniversary
7:00PM - Mass of the Holy Spirit

Thursday, September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary
7:00AM - St. Irene Staff
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 13
St. John Chrysostom
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - Battaglia Family/ Sue

Saturday, September 14
Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Kathy Talz/ Pat O’Connor
Fred Einsle/ Family
Pat Elliott/ St. Irene Community

Sunday, September 15
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - J.J. MacPhee/ J & Papa
10:00AM - Hal Dirienzo/ Tom & Pat McHugh
Mary & Vernon Steinke/ Daughter
Joe Gattone/ Mary

Protective Service Personnel (Blue) Mass

There will be a special Mass honoring Police, Fire Fighters, and First Responders on Sunday, Sept. 8th at the 10AM Mass. Hospitality with beverages and snacks will follow in the ACL.

Flu Shots will be offered after Masses in the ACL on Sunday, September 8th. The event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by Walgreens.