Lying at the rich man’s door was a poor man named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20

September 29, 2019
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

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Are you Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet has begun the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate.

Applications Are Being Accepted Online deaconapp.org

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We have come to the end of the month and our focus on the **Virtue of Faith**. How have you grown in the Virtue of Faith, from which other virtues blossom? Which of the Virtue in Practice ideas, provided on the bulletin insert a couple weeks ago, did you try? Will you continue with these good habits? How has your faith affected the lives of people around you? We will focus on a new Virtue next month. However, we will continue to practice the virtue of Faith in all we do.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. --Saint Francis Assisi**

Please stop by our V.I.P. board in the northeast corner of the church. This board will highlight our monthly Virtue and the Saints we are walking with through this Virtue. You will find leaves, a different color every month, to add to our Tree of Virtue. Please take a leaf, write on it ways you have grown in the Virtue, and add it to the tree. By May, St. Irene’s Tree of Virtue will have beautifully blossomed! This transformation will reflect the changes in our lives and the life of our parish family. There will also be Holy Cards for you to take home, located near the picture of the Saint.

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**[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Timothy 6:14**

**St. Irene Lunch Bunch**

Come celebrate Octoberfest with the Lunchbunch on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:30AM in the ACL. All seniors age 55 and older are encouraged to attend. Enjoy an authentic German meal and entertainment by Alpine Thunder.

Alpine Thunder is a lively German folk/pop band performing in the Chicagoland area on a weekly basis and are featured at numerous other events throughout the region. Alpine Thunder features a driving Alpine sound with vocals in both German and English, yodeling, Alpine accordion and other Alpine folk instruments including alphorns and tuned cow bells. Authentic instrumentation, sound and vocals!

This is a catered event. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 1st. Cost is $10 at the door. If you need a ride contact Annette Kubalanza at x 122.

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The “ecumenical movement” (from the Greek word meaning the “whole inhabited world”) began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council’s Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians “separated brethren,” a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as “outside the Church.” A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

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

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
♦ Don’t be complacent!

Background: Today’s reading from the prophet, Amos, refers to a time of great wealth in the northern kingdom of Israel. This week the emphasis is on the self-indulgence of the wealthy. Amos rebukes them for their indifference to the needs of others. Because of their disregard for the poor, the wealthy will be the first to go into exile.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
♦ Fight the good fight of faith.

Background: Paul’s use of the term “man of God” in reference to Timothy is important because it is a title applied to Moses - a great leader. Timothy’s position as a leader demands that he give witness to Christ and seek after virtue, especially virtues that build up the church. True teaching does not destroy communities and lead to division and arrogance.

♦ Keep your eye on God’s way of life.

Background: In the gospel readings prior to today’s gospel the religious leaders had rejected Jesus teachings about possessions. This parable addresses their attitude. The rich man was oblivious to the needs of the poor beggar, not realizing the seriousness of his complacency. The indifference of the rich man led him to an eternal situation worse than that of Lazarus on earth.

Theme: God cares for the poor and the oppressed, and we should too!

Question for Adults:
What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?

Question for Youth:
The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don’t do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Children:
Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do you have that you are able to share?

Family Faith Formation
(Religious Education) is back in session!! Classes meet on Tuesday, October 1 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, October 2 (Gr 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 16:19-31 - A rich man passed by a beggar named Lazarus but ignored him and did not help. Eventually, Lazarus went to heaven but the selfish rich man did not. The rich man realized too late that we must listen to God.

Gospel Questions:
♦ What is the ideal relationship between rich and poor in today’s Gospel?
♦ Why doesn’t the rich man notice the poor man?
♦ What are the ways God wants us to care for each other?

Life Questions:
♦ Who begs at your gate? Who do you see in need in the course of your daily life?
♦ Who did you see today that needs help?
♦ What are some things you share with others?

Family Prayer:
♦ Jesus, help us to not be selfish. May we treat others as you would treat them.
Amen.

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians. —St. Ambrose

Readings for the Week

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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.

Make a Difference Day

The Ladies of Columbus and Knights of Columbus are having a drive to help stock the St. Irene Food Pantry. Please fill a bag (if you need a bag it will be distributed at Masses on Oct. 12/13) and return it on Oct. 19/20. The Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- Cereal
- Ravioli
- Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Paper Towels
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Stuffing
- Laundry Soap
- Toilet Paper

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Any item is accepted, but please no expired food.

Thank you for your generosity!

Crisis Prayer Chain: If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urs@outlook.com or 630.853.2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.

As many of you know, St. Irene partners with Bridge Communities to support two families transitioning out of homelessness. One of our families needs clothing for the colder weather that is right around the corner. If you have cold weather clothing to donate such as pants, long sleeve shirts and pajamas in a boy's size 3T-4T or a girl's size 14, please contact us at vince1230@comcast.net or 630.393.4463 and ask for Vince.

Thank you in advance!
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, September 29
11a-12:30p - Hospitality Ministers Training (ACL)

Monday, September 30
1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
5-6:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 1
3-5p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
5-7p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
7-9p - School Board (HF)

Wednesday, October 2
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
3-5p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
5-6p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (S, AC)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, October 3
11:30a-2p - The LunchBunch (ACL)
3:00-4:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

Friday, October 4
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACU)
3:30-11p - PACE (AC)

Saturday, October 5
11a-3p - Family Fall Fest (AC, Grounds)

Sunday, October 6
11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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.

BUNCO

The Ladies of Columbus are hosting a Bunco event on Saturday, October 12th at 6:30PM in the lower level of the Activity Center. All the proceeds will be donated to the St. Irene’s Bridge Community. Join us for fun, food, and to help a great organization all at the same time! We hope to see you there.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.
The next workshop at St. Irene is Thursday, October 24th 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.

Satruday, 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!
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.

Desiree Sheppard
Patti Grispino
John Mares
Mary George
Tim Rasplicka
Monica Wojtowicz
Fr. Jim
Jim Lytle

Rachel Jaraisus
Lynette Meany
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, September 30
St. Jerome
7:00AM - Keith Lambert/ Friends

Tuesday, October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
7:00AM - For Those Who Attend 7AM Mass

Wednesday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00AM - Rick Lovelace/ Friends

Thursday, October 3
Weekday
7:00AM - For Successful Surgery for Fr. Jim
Gwen Hudetz/ Family
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 4
St. Vincent de Paul; First Friday
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - Battaglia Family/ Sue

Saturday, October 5
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Harriet Lazinski/ Mary Mickel
6:15PM - Baptism Ceremony

Sunday, October 6
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
8:00AM - J.J. MacPhee/ J & Papa
10:00AM - Mass on the Grass
Elsie Simon/ Family
Jim Hughes/ Bill & Mary Hughes

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.

The Fall 2019 issue of Catholic Extension’s magazine, Extension, presents the theme of ENCOUNTER, which is when we step outside of our comfort zone and meet face to face with others - particularly those who are excluded and marginalized - so we may better understand the mystery of God in the least among us. In these exchanges, when we break through the hurdles of isolation and indifference, our minds and hearts are stretched, and we are forever changed for the better.

Pick up a free copy of Extension magazine in the entrance of the church, its inspiring stories will help you understand the diversity and scope of the Catholic Church in America - in places where faith is strong, but resources are limited. A digital version of the magazine can be found at:

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