ONE OF THE LEPERS, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED, RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

October 13, 2019 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: The Eucharist is our habitual, public praise and thanks to God. We give thanks for the gifts of creation and the covenant. We give thanks for the gift of redemption that is ours through Jesus Christ and for the gifts that the Holy Spirit pours out on us. In the Eucharist each of us should also give thanks for the gifts of God in our lives.

St. Irene Rosary Group
Our Rosary Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the ACL, from 7-7:40pm, followed by fellowship as schedules permit. Come join in the prayer Our Lady gave us, and be intimately and spiritually drawn into the most Holy Life of our Lord. As we connect our hearts with confidence to Her Immaculate Heart, Mary leads us to the Foot of His Cross, which is the doorstep to His Sacred Heart, and Fount of His Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. We gather next on September 17th. Bring a friend...all are welcome! For more information, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.
Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan’s Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts--first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons--to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

**Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17**
♦ Thank God for the good things He does for you.

*Background:* The story from the Second Book of Kings is part of the Elijah-Elisha cycle of prophetic legends. When Naaman came to Elisha to request a cure, Elisha sent him to wash seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman’s physical cure becomes the basis of faith in the God of Israel.

**Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13**
♦ There is no changing the word of God!

*Background:* Today’s reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy continues the series of exhortations for ministers of the gospel. Those who suffer hardships with Christ and for Him, who die and are faithful to the end with Him, will live with Christ in the kingdom. This letter stresses the rewards and punishments for service and failure.

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**
♦ Be grateful.

*Background:* The Gospel reading today tells the story of a healing. The ingratitude of the other lepers is a surprising account, but the fact that the one grateful returnee was a Samaritan was possibly more shocking at the time. The Samaritan is not only healed, he is also saved through wholeness and a proper relationship to God.

**Theme:** We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

**Question for Adults:**
What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

**Question for Youth:**
Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

**Question for Children:**
Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

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**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 and return it on Oct. 19/20. The Food Pantry is especially in need of:
♦ Cereal  ♦ Mac & Cheese  
♦ Ravioli  ♦ Pasta Sauce  
♦ Tuna  ♦ Stuffing  
♦ Canned Fruit  ♦ Laundry Soap  
♦ Paper Towels  ♦ Toilet Paper

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

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Family Faith Formation**
*(Religious Education)*

**Classes meet on Tuesday, October 15 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, October 16 (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 17:11-19** - Jesus meets ten lepers who beg to be healed. After being cured, only one man, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for healing him. Jesus tells this man that his faith has saved him.

**Question of the Week:**
♦ What is something that you took for granted this week?

**Gospel Questions:**
♦ What do the 10 lepers in the Gospel ask of Jesus? What do we ask of Jesus?
♦ Whom does Jesus heal?
♦ What do you thank God for?

**Life Questions:**
♦ What makes some kids outsiders? What makes some “us” and some “them”?
♦ Who cares for you?
♦ What do you thank God for?

**Family Prayer:**
♦ *Lord, we thank you for all of the ways that you have healed and helped us. We will try harder to not take you for granted. Amen.*
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!

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**Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land**

_Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land_

Did you know that 600 Christian families live in Bethlehem and are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam from “Star of Bethlehem Group” came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts October 26th & 27th.

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**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

_takes place on Sundays during the school year at the 10AM Mass. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to leave the assembly before the readings begin to participate in their own Word Service. They hear the readings, have their own homily, pray the Creed and the General Intercessions in language they can understand and then return to the assembly during the preparation hymn._

_No pre-registration is required._

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**K of C “Share Your Soles” 2019 Fall Shoe Drive**

Please donate your gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity from Saturday, October 26th until Sunday, December 1st (the period encompassing All Souls Day) during the Knight’s Annual Fall Shoe Drive. We will accept shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be located at the entryways to the church.

Share Your Soles® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to sharing gently worn/new shoes to those in greatest need. They provide shoes both worldwide, as well as right here in the United States. Be sure that the shoes you donate are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late Robert Geary, founder of the Knight’s Annual Shoe Drive. For information, contact Joseph D. Kubal at 630.983.6159 or email: jdrk4715@aol.com.
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, October 13**
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

**Monday, October 14**
4:30-5:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)
5:30-6:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)

**Tuesday, October 15**
3-5p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
5-7p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)

**Wednesday, October 16**
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 17**
3:00-4:30p - Volleyball Practice (ACU)
7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

**Friday, October 18**
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6-9p - CCW (ACL)

**Saturday, October 19**
9a-3p - CCW Craft Fair (AC)

**Sunday, October 20**
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
6:30-9p - High School Youth Group (ACL)

Automated Giving - St. Irene Parish has an automated giving program called WeShare. It is a check-free, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections. For more information or to enroll, please visit [st-irene.churchgiving.com](http://st-irene.churchgiving.com) or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.

All Saints/All Souls Day Celebration

As part of our All Saints Day celebration we will distribute luminaries for you to decorate with the name of a loved one or a Saint that is special to you. Bring them back to one of the Masses (7AM - 12PM - 7PM) on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st.

We will again have a special altar to commemorate the faithful departed. Please bring pictures or other special remembrances of your deceased loved ones and place them on the altar located in the narthex.

Mass of Remembrance

Please decorate a luminary for your deceased loved one and bring it to 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 2nd. They will be used to light the path to the church entrance. Names of deceased family members will be read during the prayer of the faithful. Luminaries are available in the narthex.

Month of Remembrance: The Book of Remembrance will be in the baptistry area throughout the month of November. All are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in the book.

Friday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 7AM, Noon & 7PM.
### 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 Raspicka  
Fr. Jim  
Jim Lytle

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

### Readings for the Week

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### 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](http://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.