My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

Psalm 17:5–6
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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LIVING GOD’S WORD: As we go through life we’d like to know just whom we are going to spend eternity with and what it’s going to be like. The truth is that none of us knows. Maybe the best we can do at this time is love those around us now, and let God take care of our future.

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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.
In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding “mixed marriage” or sending children “beyond the seas” for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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Advent Challenge: Waiting for Joy

Each year during Advent we have an opportunity to renew the fervor with which we await the Lord who came among us as a child and who will come again in glory. Consider joining a faith-sharing group to experience the season in a new way with Waiting for Joy from RENEW International. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a small group of your fellow parishioners in making the weeks before Christmas meaningful. All parishioners are asked to commit to accepting Fr. Jim’s challenge to become an enthusiastic and prayer-centered community. The Time commitment is one session each of the four weeks of Advent.

Next week is Signup Weekend for this Advent series. Small Christian communities will gather to learn, pray, and share on the true meaning of Advent. Please join us once a week for four weeks to remember in community what we are anticipating during this season, and connect with others as we journey in faith. By taking part in Waiting for Joy you can set aside the distractions of shopping and decorating and focus on the true significance of the season and share it with your families. You will be blessed; you will be a blessing!

Registration is required. Materials: $5. Register today!

Cut and return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by Friday, November 15th.

Name:____________________________________________________

Email:____________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________

Meetings begin Monday, November 25, and continue December 2, 9, and 16 at the following times:

♦ 9-10:30AM in the ACL (children welcome)
♦ 1-2:30PM in the ACL (children welcome)
♦ 7-8:30PM in the chapel (kind of late for kids!)

Monday doesn’t work? What days and times are good for you? We will try to accommodate

Tuesday………………AM…………….PM
Wednesday………AM…………….PM
Thursday…………AM……………..PM
Friday……………..AM…………….PM
Saturday……………AM

♦ Are you willing to host a small group in your home? Yes No
♦ Are you willing to facilitate a group at the parish? Yes No
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
♦ They marveled at His courage.

Background: The Books of Maccabees tell the story of the second-century B.C. revolt and those who gave their lives for the freedom to worship. One of the legendary heroes of this revolt was the mother of seven sons. She encouraged her sons to accept martyrdom bravely rather than abandon their faith.

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
♦ May God console your heart.

Background: In 2 Thessalonians, Paul continues to admonish those who were expecting the world to end immediately. He encourages them to stand firm and persevere in faith. Paul also asks the people to pray for him and his companions.

♦ God is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Background: In the gospel, the issue of resurrection is raised by the Sadducees, who did not believe in life after death. The Sadducees were aristocratic leaders who criticized the Pharisees and their interpretation of the law. Jesus corrects the Sadducees’ presumption that life after death must be just like life on earth. In heaven, the marriage relationship will become a new kind of communal life.

Theme: God strengthens us and we live with Him forever.

Question for Adults:
Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

Question for Youth:
Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn’t the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

Question for Children:
God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

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

Please donate your gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity through Sunday, December 1st during the Knight’s annual fall shoe drive. We are accepting shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather: athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Be sure the shoes are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms. Collection bins are located at the entryways to the church.

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.

Family Faith Formation
(Religious Education)

Classes meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, Nov. 13 (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 20:27-38 - A group of Sadducees asks Jesus a question about a woman who marries eight brothers who each die in turn. Jesus responds the woman will not be anyone’s wife in Heaven, as those in Heaven are more focused on their relationship with God than with other people.

Question of the Week:
♦ How can you make God a higher priority this week?

Gospel Questions:
♦ What experiences in your life affirm God is living?
♦ How do we get to Heaven?

Life Questions:
♦ How do you imagine life with God after death?
♦ What are some things you are thankful for?

Family Prayer:
♦ Thank You, God, for always loving us. We promise to work harder to show you how much we love you. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us on Thursdays from 7:30AM-8PM. Please sign up by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.
Join us for Mass at Mercy Home  
Sunday, December 15, 2019

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9:30AM. We are invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family to be celebrated with Fr. Carl Morello (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello) and The Baptism of the Lord to be celebrated by Fr. Scott Donahue, head of Mercy Home. These Masses will be aired on Dec. 29, 2019 and Jan. 5, 2020.

The date is Sunday, December 15th. We will meet between 11:30-11:45AM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 12:30-2PM with a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We can only accommodate twenty people. You must RSVP by Monday, Dec. 9th.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need of a chairlift, we need to know in advance. The chairlift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic charity and child welfare agency.

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old). For more information or to make your reservation, contact Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.

Here are the results of the American Legion Warrenville Post 589 "Ruck The Ville" 3K & 5K March for the St. Irene and the Peoples Resource Center Food Pantries that was held in October. Participants carried their own donated food in a "Ruck" backpack and walked the 3k or 5k miles.

♦ 1,200 pounds of food stuffs and paper products was collected
♦ 80 participants made the march
♦ 36 sponsors participated as follows:
  North Star Credit Union, Clouds "Are" Us, Chad, Al's Pizza, White Graphics, Towne Tap, Voegtle's Auto Service, Totally Polished, J.H. Bollweg & Sons, A Climate Services, Winfield Township Republicans, TJ's Land Care, Clean and Cute Pet Grooming, King -Bruwaert House, Heide Steiner Graphic Designer, Apollo Messenger, Doodlebug Workshop, Warrenville ACE Hardware, Pro-Freight Express, Pace Fitness for Woman, Saint Giles Catholic Parish, Honey Milk Breakfast & Lunch, Family Foods, Galusha Farm, Apollo Hose Solutions, Rosati's, Imagination Print & Design, Voegtle's Lawn Care, Artlip and Sons, Target of Warrenville, Mart Anthony's, RF/ MAX, Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention, KofC and Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary #6710, Markito's Bar and Grill.

Thanks to all who participated in making this 2nd Annual "Ruck The Ville" a resounding success.
Deacon Joe Urso

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

2020 Lucky Calendar Program - Show your support for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. We invite you to participate in our annual 2020 Lucky Calendar Program. With your donation of $35 per calendar, you get 365 chances to win! For more information please call 630.892.2371 or email info@misacor-usa.org. Use them for a unique Christmas gift, birthday gift, thank you or thinking of you.

Nourish for Caregivers - If you are caring for the physical/emotional needs of a relative or friend, we invite you to discuss relevant topics through a Christ-centered lens by attending a Nourish for Caregivers meeting at St. Michael Church in Wheaton. Nourish for Caregivers meets monthly in the St. Michael Church Bridal Suite at 310 S. Wheaton Avenue (enter door #8). For more information, contact Parish Nurse Thecla Rettberg at trettberg@stmichaelcommunity.org or call 630.665.2250. The next meeting is Thursday, November 14 from 1-2:30PM. The topic is "Faith & Spiritual Tools to Feed Us."

Fishing Team Fish Fry - Marmion Academy's Fishing Team is having its annual Fall Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, November 15th from 4-7PM (drive through pick up only at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora). Each meal is $12 and includes 3 pieces of Sgt. Dotson's Famous Fried Catfish, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and a dinner roll. Meals must be purchased by November 13th at marmion.org/fishfry. All proceeds benefit Marmion's Fishing.

Catholic Charities Hosts Fundraiser - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hosting “Playing for Miracles,” a fun and lively fundraiser on Friday, November 15 at Carlisle Banquets in Lombard. The event features open bar, dinner, charitable gaming, silent auction, and live auction! It's sure to be a great time! Tickets are $175 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815.724.1140. All proceeds will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, November 10
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)

Monday, November 11
1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
4:30-5:30p - Ladies Auxiliary (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 12
5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
7-8p - Bridge Communities (Staff)
7:15-9p - Faith Formation (ACL)

Wednesday, November 13
8:30-10:30a - PACE (ACL)
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (S, AC)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, November 14
6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

Friday, November 15
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
5-11p - KC Turkey Shoot (ACL)
7-8p - Wedding Rehearsal (C)

Saturday, November 16
6:30-9p - High School Youth Group (ACL)

Sunday, November 17
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)

St. Irene Rosary Tree
The Holy Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of our Catholic faith. Across the ages, Jesus and Mary have frequently reminded us to pray the Rosary often. To promote this beautiful prayer, the Knights of Columbus have generously donated the cost of having a wood artisan carve a tabletop Rosary Tree to display in our Church. The Tree, in the shape of a heart, honors the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and will serve as a beautiful reminder to pray the Rosary often.

Thanks to the Knights’ generosity, we will be able to borrow a Rosary from the Tree…Pray…and then either keep the Rosary as a reminder to pray it often or return it to the Tree for the next Prayer Warrior. The Tree will hold as many as 50 Rosaries; so we are looking for Rosary donations. There is a small, round cardboard box in the Narthex labeled Knights of Columbus Rosary donations. Please drop off any surplus Rosaries you have into the box. We will display them on the Rosary Tree when it arrives!

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

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ALL ARE WELCOME!
Our Holiday church cleaning will take place on Sunday, November 24 at 12:30PM.

This is a wonderful way to serve our community and honor our Lord as together we prepare His house for the season of Advent.

Families are invited, children may serve with a parent. Please bring buckets and rags. Cleaning products will be provided.

Contact Katie Augustynowicz via email or text if you will be joining in the fun!

- katieaugustynowicz@hotmail.com
- or text her at 630.772.3171.

It's Turkey Time!
The St. Irene Food Pantry is now collecting turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets.

Turkeys are needed by Thursday, Nov. 14th!
You can drop your turkey off at the Parish Center, along with other Thanksgiving needs: gravy, sweet potatoes, canned pumpkin, pancake mix and syrup.

Thank you for your generosity.
Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

The original 33-Days group is back! Join Mary, Jeannette, Donna and Amy as we delve deeper into Jesus’ Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. This no-cost Retreat, titled Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, is narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, and will move you like no other. Join us on this journey as Fr. Gaitley uncovers the many ways God has approached us through the ages to deliver the message that He truly is Love and Mercy. God’s Love abounds beyond anything we have experienced or could imagine. As for His Mercy…well, let’s put it this way…There is no sin greater than His Mercy. Discover the power that comes with complete Trust in Our Lord, as we follow Jesus’ path through history, and walk with the Saints He chose to help Him spread His Love and Mercy message. This 11-session Lenten Retreat begins January 6th and meets Mondays at 1PM or 7PM. It concludes at the doorstep of Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the Feast of Divine Mercy. Sign up in the Narthex or via email: jaclark1129@gmail.com. Registration required. Contact Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349 with questions.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Liturgical Calendar

**Monday, November 11**
St. Martin of Tours
7:00AM - Fr. Lloyd Bowden/ St. Irene Community

**Tuesday, November 12**
St. Josaphat
7:00AM - Larry LaDeur/ Mary Hafertepe

**Wednesday, November 13**
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:00AM - John Jackowiak/ Pat

**Thursday, November 14**
Weekday
7:00AM - St. Irene Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, November 15**
St. Albert the Great
8:15AM - Mackenzie Walsh/ Stubben Family

**Saturday, November 16**
Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - Marie Horan/ Friends
5:00PM - Joe Gattone/ Mary Mickel

**Sunday, November 17**
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Peg Hatch/ Family
10:00AM - Deceased Choir Members/ Choir
   Harold Dirienzo/ Pat
   Carlene Nardi/ Cleary Family

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 Loheny USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - Fort Bliss, Texas
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Sgt. Levi Dieter - Virginia Marine Base
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas