You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

LUKE 21:17-18
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: Faith does not keep our worlds protected and whole. It does instill in us patient endurance by which, the Gospel reminds us, we will save our lives.

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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. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 6:30-8PM in the ACL.
We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today’s liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life’s inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world’s end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

“Nothing lasts forever” is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today’s liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today’s liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Family Faith Formation
(Religious Education)

This week there are no regular classes for all grades. First Reconciliation will be celebrated for our 2nd graders, Special Sacrament students and their parents on Tuesday, November 19th at 6PM. 8th graders, Year 2 High Schoolers and their parents will attend Explain-a-Mass on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30PM.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

Gospel of Luke 21:5-19 - Jesus warns of the challenges that Christians will experience between His Death and Second Coming. Our perseverance in faith during these difficult times ensures that God will always be with us.

Question of the Week:
♦ How can Jesus help you with your worries?

Gospel Questions:
♦ What support do you feel from others’ faith at Mass?
♦ What hope does Jesus give us?
♦ How does Jesus help us with our worries?

Life Questions:
♦ What most threatens the calm of your world?
♦ What do I stand up for?
♦ What things do you worry about?

Family Prayer:
♦ Jesus, we ask you for your help when things get difficult. Help us to be there for one another. Amen.

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.

Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a
♦ The sun of justice will arise.

Background: This reading was written during the fifth century B.C. The people had slipped into complacency, again. Malachi reminded them that the day of the Lord was coming.

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
♦ Work is a noble, good thing.

Background: The Thessalonians expected the second coming of Christ to arrive immediately. Some had stopped working and were simply waiting. Paul urged them to imitate him and continue to do what is right.

♦ Your endurance will win you your life.

Background: This passage is Luke’s version of Jesus’ apocalyptic discourse concerning the end of the world. Two sets of images are interwoven. They include the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 by Romans and the coming of the Son of Man at the end of time. By the time this Gospel was written, it was evident that the return of the Son of Man was not going to happen immediately. Luke encourages Christians to persevere in faithfulness so that they will always be ready.

Theme: The day of the Lord is a day of hope and joy.

Question for Adults:
Paul’s words to the Thessalonians are tough: if you want to eat, you must work! How does this translate into our society today? How do you reconcile this with Jesus’ command to love and feed the poor?

Question for Youth:
Jesus tells us that even though bad things will happen, we are safe in God. When have you felt the safety of God’s life in your own life?

Question for Children:
Jesus teaches us that work is good for us. What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

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.
An Afternoon Gathering of “Single-Again” Men & Women

When: Saturday, December 7, 2019 (1:00-4:00 p.m.)
12:45 p.m. check-in, ending with a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Where: Blanchette Catholic Center
Diocese of Joliet
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL  60403

Dr. Jim Healy has spoken on family topics in over 90 dioceses across the United States as well as internationally. Described as being both funny and profound, Jim recently retired after 30 years as director of the Office of Family Ministry. He brings a message that will make you feel blessed and more ready to bless others. Come with whatever you’re feeling and be uplifted!

Please register by December 2.
online at https://conta.cc/2MsGoiu by calling 815-838-5334 or by emailing us at familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

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.

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.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, November 17
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

Monday, November 18
1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 19

Wednesday, November 20
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6:30-8p - Jr. High RE Explain a Mass (C, S, AC)

Thursday, November 21
7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23
7a-1p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

Sunday, November 24
10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
12:30 - Holiday Church Cleaning (C)

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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 to 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.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Deadline is 8AM on:
December 1, 2019 Wednesday, Nov. 20
December 8, 2019 Friday, Nov. 22
December 22, 2019 Wednesday, Dec. 11
December 29, 2019 Friday, Dec. 13
January 5, 2020 Wednesday, Dec. 18

Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.

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.

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St. Irene Giving Report
October Sunday Contributions

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Liturgical Calendar

**Monday, November 18**
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
7:00AM - Greg Fischer/ Cathy Kott

**Tuesday, November 19**
Weekday
7:00AM - Larry LaDeur/ Kubalanza Family
6:00PM - First Reconciliation

**Wednesday, November 20**
Weekday
7:00AM - Ted Mlsna/ Family

**Thursday, November 21**
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM - Marge Antonacci/ Friends
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, November 22**
St. Cecilia
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - No Mass

**Saturday, November 23**
Vigil: Christ the King
5:00PM - Craig Farmer/ Mom & Dad
Fred Einsle/ Family
Lawrence LaDeur/ St. Irene Community

**Sunday, November 24**
Christ the King
8:00AM - Kenneth Zimmerman/ Pam Zimmerman
10:00AM - Brian Cleary/ Cleary Family
Jack Steinhoff/ Marge Steinhoff
Elsie Simon/ Family
Jack Radicker/ Family
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us on Thursdays 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays.

The Christmas Giving Tree this year will have tags for the Illinois Youth Center in Warrenville, as well as for our Bridge Community families. The trees will be in the narthex starting Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. The tags have specific requests. Please return your **unwrapped** gift with the tag taped to the box or bag by Sunday, December 15th.