St. Irene Faith Community
Catholic Schools Week
January 28, 2018

Let your light shine @ St. Irene Catholic School!
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. 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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Are you looking for an education change for your children?

St. Irene School welcomes you to consider us for the 2018/2019 school year. There are openings in all grades, Pre-K through 8th Grade. Public school transfers are also eligible for a $2,000 discount per child for grades 1 through 8 for their first year. Scholarships may also be available. Please contact our school office at 630.393.3903 x 116.

www.st-ireneschool.org

Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM

Reflecting on God’s Word

In Jesus’ day, demonic possession was not uncommon. Mark presents Jesus as one who takes on the evil spirits, overturning their possession of this man. Jesus has declared war against the kingdom of Satan. Its hour of ascendancy is coming to an end.

The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as one with greater power, for it asks, “Have you come to destroy us?” Then it confesses Jesus as the “Holy One of God” (Mark 1:24). Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, His death. But what looks like defeat for Jesus will be changed to victory, because the power of God is at work in Him.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses is speaking to the people before they enter the Promised Land. The entire book is his farewell speech to them. He will not go with them. He consoles them, saying that God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses and will speak through him: “I...will put my words into his mouth” (Deuteronomy 18:18).

Jesus is presented to us today as the prophet like Moses, who teaches with the authority of God and whose words are obeyed even by unclean spirits. There is no power on earth or beyond it greater than the power of God at work in him.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.
The Road to Redemption

Join us this Lent for The Road to Redemption, a six week study of the Sunday readings for Lent. Are our hearts ready to accept the passion of our Lord so that we may share in His glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus. Lent is an intense time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the entire Church.

This year the Sunday gospel readings at Mass come from the Gospels of Mark and John. Our engagement with these gospels creates a beautiful tapestry of prepared anticipation for the Easter season into our hearts.

This study follows the Catholic Scripture Study format, but concentrates on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporates the ancient method of Lectio Divina (praying the scriptures). Lectio Divina is a powerful way to ‘hear’ God speaking to us personally through scripture.

Fr. Mitch Pacwa is our presenter via DVD. An optional study guide may be purchased for $18. If you wish to purchase a study guide, place your order by phone to Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or email annette@st-irene.org by January 29th.

We will meet on the following Wednesday afternoons from 1-2:30PM in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center: February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21. Hope to see you there.

Help Wanted!

We are looking for a replacement Minister to oversee the St. Irene LunchBunch Ministry starting in August. My "term" is up in June and due to personal reasons, I can no longer minister to this wonderful group of parishioners. It doesn't have to be one person - it could be a group. It is a wonderful ministry and also fun! If you wish to start sooner, you are welcome to come and see what goes on by attending our upcoming lunches and help out! Our next luncheon is Thursday, February 1st. Please contact Anna Saake at 630.456.0644 or anna@saake.net with any questions.

St. Irene School Open House

St. Irene School will host our Annual Open House on January 28, from 9 AM-1PM, and on February 2, from 9-11AM. St. Irene School provides all-day preschool, all-day Kindergarten, and before- and after-school care. In addition, students can choose to participate in a variety of arts and athletic programs, all the while serving their community. For information please stop in and talk to our families, or call our office at 630.393.9303 x 116.

St. Irene’s LunchBunch Ministry

Potluck Luncheon- last names starting with:
A-I: main course – main dishes - any type of casseroles/pastas, meat dishes
J-R: side dishes – vegetables or vegetable casseroles, salads of any type, cheese/crackers
S-Z: desserts of any type

Thursday, February 1, 2018
11:30AM-2PM
Lower Activity Center
Video: Life of St. Teresa of Calcutta
Fee: $3 each

Meals brought to the table could be store bought!
Any questions please contact Anna Saake @ 630.456.0644 or anna@saake.net.
All are welcome!

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter’s crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today’s basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul’s was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul’s stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
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 or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.

Crisis Prayer Chain: If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@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.

Leaders are like eagles. They don’t flock. You find them . . . one at a time.
—Anonymous
22nd Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle & Party

Parishioners and Friends, you are invited to participate in the 21st Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held during a Super Bowl party held at the St. Irene Activity Center on February 4. The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council at St. Irene. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half retained by the local Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene Parish, Grade School, and community outreach programs. This year our focus is to fund Bridge Communities.

For the raffle, tickets at $25 dollar per square are being sold for two separate Faith and Hope Pools, and a $50 ticket per square is being sold for the Charity Pool. Cash prizes ranging from $25 to $500 will be awarded throughout the football game on Super Bowl Sunday. You may split the cost of a ticket with your friends.

Buy your raffle tickets early for two early drawings. Starting January 13, raffle tickets will be available from KC representatives prior to, and following the Masses at St. Irene each weekend until Super Bowl Sunday. Tickets will be placed into Early Bird drawings to be held after the 10AM Masses on January 21 and 28. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

Knights of Columbus Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event

Jesus challenged believers to perform works of charity. One of those acts is to feed the poor. Come join fellow parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) facility at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora on Saturday, February 10 from 9-11AM. We will pack food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, register at “volunteer” on the FMSC website at www.fmsc.org and enter code 1211670. For information, call Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2017 Pledge Report

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If we exceed our goal in paid pledges, 65% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815.838.8515.

2017 Charitable Giving Reports

All parishioners who donated money or other gifts to the church or school will receive a report of those donations before January 31, 2018. These will be itemized to show all your gifts to the church, school, or its activities. When you receive this, please review and contact the office 630.393.2400 x 110 if you find information that does not agree with your records. We will work with you to reconcile that issue.

Donors using the WeShare (formerly Parish Pay) will not receive a separate report from We Share. Those gifts will be reflected on the statement you receive from the parish.

Healing Childhood Hurts Weekend Retreat

An opportunity to discover how your view of life was created and how unhealthy aspects of living may have their roots in childhood experiences. Freeing yourself from these distortions will keep you live life more empowered.

February 3-4, 2018

Reservations and additional information

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
(630) 892-2371 Extension 39
hjretreats@misacor-usa.org
305 S. Lake St. Aurora, IL 60506
TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

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Grief Support

Losing someone close is never an easy part of life, and grief is a natural and necessary component of the healing process. Every individual’s experience with grief is unique. There is no set amount of pain felt, no predetermined timeline, no fixed number of tears. We recognize the importance of having a strong support system. In response to the needs of our community, our parish offers a bereavement support group to assist those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The winter sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM on January 25, February 1, and February 15 in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center.

The Warner E. Sallman Art Collection, Inc. will present the program “The Master Painter” on Wednesday, January 31st at 1PM in the Millstone Lounge at Monarch Landing. To RSVP, or for more information, please call 630.300.1240.

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 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

♦ Rick Lovelace
♦ Martin Patton
Father of Donna Stubben
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.

John Rossi
Michelle Vize
Ann Mulcahy
Susanne Lambert
Bev Oliveri
Patti Menconi
Kate Preston
Mary Haferteppe
Judy Coloneri
Joe Gattone

Donna Pelletier
Lynette Meany
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Barb Houston
Paula Lopat
Colette Malovany
Charlie Fahrenwald

Liturgical Calendar

**Monday, January 29**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - Felipe Billote, Jr./ St. Irene Community

**Tuesday, January 30**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - Julia Spencer-Maness/ Family

**Wednesday, January 31**  
St. John Bosco  
7:00AM - For the Poor and the Hungry

**Thursday, February 1**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - For the Healing of Our Friends & Family  
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, February 2**  
The Presentation of the Lord  
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community  
8:15AM - Ed Koscak/ Friends

**Saturday, February 3**  
Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2:30PM - Wedding Mass  
Rebecca Noffsinger & Mark Snyder  
5:00PM - Alfons Buerchner/ Bartus Family

**Sunday, February 4**  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad  
Patrick Doran/ John & Mary Dugan  
10:00AM - 2018 Scout Sunday  
Gerald L. Reilly/ St. Irene Community  
Barbara Seaberg/ Carl

Reading for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Ps 8:1-8; Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Scout Sunday 2018

All area scouts, including American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, & Girls Scouts are invited to attend the 2018 Scout Sunday Mass on: **Sunday, February 4, 2018 at the 10AM Mass.**  
Please arrive at 9:30AM in the ACU to line up. Remember to wear your uniform. If you have any questions, contact Elaine Perez at 630.851.9551 or elaine_perez@hotmail.com.

AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB TX  
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM  
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendelton  
Lance Cpl. Quin Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendelton  
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK  
TSGt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England  
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq  
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia  
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego  
Sgt. Peter Folz - stationed at Okinawa  
Capt. Patrick Looby - Nellis AFB, NV  
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans  
Sgt. Thomas Rasplika - Fort Bliss, Texas