NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

JANUARY 19, 2020
SECOND 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.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflecting on God’s Word
To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means to learn from Him. He is the teacher, we the students; He is the master, we His servants. But what is it we are to learn? One important title for Jesus is the Lamb of God who has come to serve by taking away our sin. He serves by leading us to participate in the holiness of God. We are to do the same for others.

Jesus came to understand His own calling by reading and praying the book of the prophet Isaiah, especially the four poems found there called the Servant Songs. Today we hear part of the second song in which the servant professes how He was formed as servant from the womb, not only to bring back Israel to God, but to be a light to the nations, so God’s “salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6).

Those who serve Jesus as disciples are to join in this work of bringing God’s salvation to the world. Paul recognizes this in his greeting to the Corinthians, noting his call to be an apostle of Christ, one sent by God to the church at Corinth, which has been made holy in Christ and called to be holy. Paul is sent not only to them, but to “all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

God’s will is our holiness. By responding to the call to know Jesus as the Lamb of God, we accept the invitation to participate in this holiness and become the vehicle for inviting others to dwell there.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: When at Mass, we call on Jesus several times as the Lamb of God—at the beginning in the Gloria and twice in preparation for Communion. Pray for our world this day to recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Condolences to the Family of William Tomazin Sr.
Father of William Tomazin Jr.
January - 21  Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.  
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ShopRight 2020 New Year Challenge

2019 Recap - 16 families contributed $1,460 to St. Irene Church by participating in the New ShopRight program during 2019.

Our New Year Challenge is to double participation to 32 families in 2020.

For physical cards, we place orders the first and third Sundays at 4p. Cards are then picked up the second and fourth weekends of the month. The next order date is Sunday, January 19 with pickup on January 25/26.

Ecards (printed at home, emailed to recipients or used in the app on your phone) are available any time. Reload (adding more $$ to a physical card you previously purchased from Script) can be done at any time. In both of these cases, the cash value is available within minutes of completing the transaction.

Using PrestoPay - you complete the entire transaction at home, with your credit card or checking account. If you have questions - are ready to join - email Dina and Lois at st.irene.sript@gmail.com

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
—Isaiah 49:6b

24th Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle & Party

Parishioners and Friends, you are invited to participate in the 24th Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held during a Super Bowl party at the St. Irene AC on Feb. 2nd.

Buy your raffle tickets early to get in on two early bird drawings. Beginning on Jan. 11 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 Jan. 19 and 26. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

Raffle tickets are $25 per square for two separate Faith and Hope Pools, and $50 per square 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.

The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. 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 St. Irene Parish, the Grade School, and community outreach programs.

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, January 23rd 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 so online, call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.

2019 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, 2020. 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 will not receive a separate report from We Share. Those gifts will be reflected on the statement you receive from the parish.

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**Whole Parish Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**
- I will make you a light to the nations. To the ends of the earth.

**Background:** The first reading from Isaiah is one of a set of songs which portray a "servant of the Lord," who was commissioned by God to bring salvation and whose suffering would redeem God’s people. In today’s passage the servant is called from the womb and commissioned to bring salvation to the nations. The Evangelists of the New Testament use the figure of the servant to explain the mission of Jesus.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**
- Grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Background:** The second reading begins Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, which will be read for the next few weeks. Paul describes himself as an Apostle, that is “one who is sent.” Together Paul and the Corinthians form a people “called,” or ecclesia, which we translate as Church.

**Gospel: John 1:29-34**
- Now I have seen for myself.

**Background:** The Gospel reading is part of a series of testimonies about the identity of Jesus. In today’s reading, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God and as the Son of God, God’s chosen one. The image of the lamb is rooted in the Passover, the deliverance from Egyptian slavery by God’s saving power, during which the Jews sacrificed a lamb and put the blood on the door to commemorate the blood that saved their firstborn from the tenth plague.

**Theme:** God’s plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

**Question for Adults:**
In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you how would you answer this question: Who is Jesus for you?

**Question for Youth:**
How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today’s world to really see Christ as He makes Himself present today? Where do you see Him or experience His presence?

**Question for Children:**
If someone were to ask you, “who is Jesus?” how would you answer?

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**CALLED TO BE HOLY**

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God.

During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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**Family Faith Formation**

(Religious Education)

Classes meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21st (Gr. 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, Jan. 22nd (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 John 1:29-34**
- John the Baptist had been expecting the arrival of the Son of God, who would be known when the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven and rested upon him. John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

**Question of the Week:**
- What is something you can do to share the Holy Spirit with other people?

**Gospel Questions:**
- What is John the Baptist’s calling, especially in relationship to Jesus?
- What is Jesus’ life like before His baptism? After His baptism?

**Life Questions:**
- What do you think is your special calling in life?
- How does Catholic social teaching call us to act in our world?
- How do we continue Jesus’ work in today’s world?
- What activities does your family like to do together?

**Family Prayer:**
- Thank you, God, for sending the Holy Spirit. Help us to be open to the guidance of your Spirit. Amen.
Annulment Support Day - Join us on Saturday, January 25th from 9AM-4PM at the Blanchette Center in Crest Hill. This day is for divorced persons who already have an Annulment case in progress with the Diocesan Tribunal and are working to complete their long questionnaire and need additional support. The $25 fee includes morning coffee, lunch, and materials. Pre-registration is required by January 20th. To register please call the Office of Family Ministry 815.838.5334.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - WWME begins with a private weekend experience with presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. WWME supports living in love! 2020 Marriage Enrichment Weekend Dates are:
- February 14-16 in Geneva
- February 22-23 in Crest Hill
- September 11-13 in Geneva
- October 24-25 in Mundelein

For reservations, or more information, please call 630.577.0778 or go to www.wwme-chicagoland.org.

Attention All Scouts - Female & Male - The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting invites you to our Annual Day of Recollection retreat on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9AM-1PM. The theme is Leap of Faith. The event will be held at The National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese, 8501 Bailey Rd., Darien, Illinois. The event is open to all registered American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. All ages invited! Activities will be age-appropriate. More information is available at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting click on the ‘Day Of Recollection’ announcement banner on the front page. While there, check out the Early Bird Registration Discount!

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry - The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. “I felt welcome.” “Found hope.” “Am more at peace.” Please join us at the following event which is designed to help the widowed sort out challenges and learn to find joy in living again, while treasuring memories of their spouse.
- March 14 & 15 - Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont

For more information or to register contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at 708.354.7211.
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com Website: www.joyfulagain.org

2020 Joliet Diocese Catholic Charismatic Healing Mass - “A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.” Ps 51:12  Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church, Friday, January 31 at 7:30pm. For more information call Joey Rose (630)-926-6576, for directions go to https://smmp.com/about/directions/
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, January 19**
- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Rite Christian Initiation Adult (ACL)

**Monday, January 20**
- 1-2:30p - Adult Education (ACL)
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Lenten Retreat (Chapel)

**Tuesday, January 21**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
- 5:30-7p - Parent Child First Communion (ACL)

**Wednesday, January 22**
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (FMSC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, January 23**
- 6-9:30p - Protecting God’s Children (ACL)

**Friday, January 24**
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)

**Saturday, January 25**
- 8-10a - KC Color Guard Practice (ACU)

**Sunday, January 26**
- 9-1p - School Open House (S, ACL)

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**St. Irene’s 31st Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, February 8, 2020
6-10:30PM
St. Irene Activity Center
Sponsored by the St. Irene Athletic Association

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A CONTESTANT (AGAIN) THIS YEAR. The success of the Chili Cook-Off continues to depend on GREAT CONTESTANTS LIKE YOU! Each contestant will receive a variety of thank you gifts, including a $50 cash reimbursement toward their chili expenses! Rules for the Cook-Off will be forwarded when you sign up. Contact Scott Reid or Shannon Nevins if you or your organization would like to be a contestant and enter your favorite chili recipe. It’s A LOT OF fun! (But enter early - the number of contestants had to be limited last year!)

ALSO CONSIDER BEING A SPONSOR OR MAKING A RAFFLE OR MONETARY DONATION. We are looking for sponsors and monetary donations, as well as raffle and silent auction items (no amount is too small)! Contact Scott Reid or Shannon Nevins if you or your company can make a donation or would like additional information on how to donate.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING IN ANY WAY. All proceeds benefit St. Irene School ~ but the fun of the evening benefits all who attend and contribute! We look forward to seeing everybody in February (and hearing from you sooner)! In the meantime, enjoy this blessed and holy season!

FOR INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP, CONTACT:
- Scott Reid - S.Reid@st-ireneschool.org
- Shannon Nevins - Shannon.nevins23@gmail.com
**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.

Sue Lambert  
Joe Schille  
Marc Alleruzzo  
Pat Wehner  
Fred Smith  
Sam Vitale  
Desiree Sheppard  
Mary George  

Jim Pippenger  
Tim Raspliaka  
Fr. Jim  
Rachel Jaraisus  
Mary Vander Meulen  
Valder Morales  
Max Malesh  
Colette Malovany

**Readings for the Week**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**  - Join us on Thursdays anytime between 7:30AM-8PM. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.

**Communion Assistance**

We want to insure that every parishioner who wishes to partake in the Communion Sacrament be able to do so. In order to assist us with this process, please notify an usher prior to the start of Mass if you or someone in your party needs communion brought to you. Extraordinary Ministers will bring the Precious Body & Blood to you in your pew.

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, January 20**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

7:00AM - Rita Oppenborn/ Yvonne Aranda

**Tuesday, January 21**  
St. Agnes

7:00AM - Gladys Aranda/ Aranda Family

**Wednesday, January 22**  
Prayer Day for Protection of the Unborn

7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

**Thursday, January 23**  
St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

7:00AM - Vince Ceralde/ Family  
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, January 24**  
St. Francis de Sales

7:00AM - Carmelita Diaz de Leon/ Family  
8:15AM - William Tomazin Sr./ St. Irene Family

**Saturday, January 25**  
The Conversion of St. Paul

5:00PM - Lynette Meany/ Cathy Kott

**Sunday, January 26**  
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00AM - Robert Collins/ Jane Egert & Family  
10:00AM - Catholic Schools Week Mass  
Jack Radicker/ Family  
Michael Dichtl/ Edith Dichtl & Family

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - Camp Fuji, Japan  
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans  
Capt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed  
E3 Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, San Diego  
1st Class Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX  
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK  
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England  
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq  
Sgt. Levi Dieter - Embassy in Ecuador  
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego  
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Major Patrick Looby - Shaw AFB, SC  
Sgt. Thomas Raspliaka - Fort Bliss, Texas