AMEN I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18
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.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Makes a Difference

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in last week’s bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, Be Kind and Merciful. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours.

Our parish’s goal for the 2020 CMAA is $66,200, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/In-Pew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Condolences to the Family of Ellen Voegtle
Mother of Mike Voegtle
An evening of Lenten Reflection
Including Paczkis, a concert, and Palm Burning

All are welcome to join us
Tuesday, February 18th
Featuring:

ValLimar

Her concert will inspire a renewed, passionate love of our faith through song, story and movement. Fun for all ages!

6:00pm - Social in ACL with Paczkis (donuts)
6:45pm - Concert in Church with ValLimar
8:00pm - Burning of the Palms outside

Additional unique performances:
Feb 16 - Holy Spirit in Naperville  4:00pm
Feb 19 - St. Joan of Arc in Lisle   6:30pm

For Teens … Catholic Heart Workcamp

Our St. Irene youth had such an amazing experience the last 2 years that we are collaborating again with St. Mike’s for this awesome mission trip!

This July 19th - 25th our 8th - 12th grade teens are invited to join 350 teens from parishes all over the U.S. at Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. This is a week of fun, prayer, laughter, Mass & Reconciliation, and restoring hope through service to those less fortunate.

There are still a few spots available. For more information or any questions, contact: Pamela Keating at 630-393-2400 x120 or pamela@st-irene.org.

40 Hours of Adoration Devotion – What to do?

If you haven’t been to Adoration lately, or you’ve never been to Adoration, and you’re worried you will be bored or confused, it’s understandable and you are NOT alone. But don’t worry, we have a few tips for you:

- **Pray with the heart.** Any conversations with God are prayers.
- **Write in a prayer journal.** A prayer journal is a great way to make your relationship with Jesus more tangible.
- **Listen to praise and worship music.** This is a great way to focus your thoughts on God. Music can also help you focus your thoughts more on your prayer.
- **Read religious material that will help you build your relationship with Jesus.** Reading a few lines of the Bible or a few paragraphs on one of the saints is a great way to find tips and treasures to help you build and strengthen your relationship with God.

So, don’t fret or worry that you will be bored. Sign up, or just stop by, and spend a few minutes with the Lord during our 40 Hours of Adoration Devotion which starts on Sunday, March 1st after the 10:00am Mass and ends on Tuesday, March 3rd, after the 8:15 Mass. Also, feel free to come by and spend a few minutes during our weekly Adoration on Thursdays, starting after the 7:00am Mass and ending at 8:00pm.

JDCCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

Applications for the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (JDCCW) Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF application form from their Parish CC President (Dana Wolze dana@wolze.com). Application deadline is April 16, 2020. FACTS must be applied for online at https://online.factsmgt.com. Request to be added to the JDCCW-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBS scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a $35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family’s 2019 Income Tax report.

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We can pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds to understand what is at the heart of Jesus’ teachings, and that we both discern what God asks of us and respond wholeheartedly. Thus we witness to others what it means to walk in the law of the Lord.

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Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús comparte la diferencia entre la Ley de Moisés y su nueva ley del amor. No es suficiente seguir las reglas del Antiguo Testamento. Dios desea que respondamos por amor, no por miedo o solo por obediencia. Jesús nos pide amar.


Devocion de 40 horas de adoración: ¿qué hacer?

Si no has estado en Adoración últimamente, o nunca has estado en Adoración, y te preocupa que estés aburrido o confundido, es comprensible y NO estás solo. Pero no se preocupe, tenemos algunos consejos para usted:

Ora con el corazón. Cualquier conversación con Dios es oración.
Escribe en un diario de oración. Un diario de oración es una excelente manera de hacer que su relación con Jesús sea más viva.
Escuchar música de alabanza y adoración. Esta es una excelente manera de enfocar tus pensamientos en Dios. La música también puede ayudarte a enfocar más tus pensamientos en tu oración.
Lea material religioso que lo ayudará a construir su relación con Jesús. Leer unas pocas líneas de la Biblia o unos pocos párrafos sobre uno de los santos es una excelente manera de encontrar consejos y tesoros para ayudarlo a construir y fortalecer su relación con Dios.

Por lo tanto, no se preocupe ni se preocupe de que se aburrirá. Regístrese, o simplemente pase, y pase unos minutos con el Señor durante nuestra Devoción de 40 horas de adoración que comienza el domingo 1 de marzo después de la misa de 10:00 am y termina el martes 3 de marzo después de la misa de 8:15 am. Además, síéntase libre de pasar a pasar unos minutos durante nuestra Adoración semanal los jueves, comenzando después de la misa de las 7:00 a.m. y terminando a las 8:00 p.m.

Seniors Invited to Defer Property Taxes

Qualified senior citizens aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant’s household income cannot exceed $55,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The application period closes March 2, 2020. For more information, contact DuPage County Treasurer’s Office at 630-407-5900 or www.dupageco.org/treasurer.

A Thank You from Christmas Sharing of Wheaton Warrenville

It is with immense gratitude I reach out to thank the Congregation for their donation of gifts, money and even their time to the Christmas Sharing Program. With much effort, many people gathered together so that we could present Christmas Sharing to those families in need. Your donations were most appreciated as each year we work to provide for local families in need.

Condolences to the Family of Isabella Felter
Grandmother of Pamela Keating

Condolences to the Family of Shirley Bates
Mother of Mike Bates
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, February 16**

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

**Monday, February 17**

- 1-2:30p - Adult Education (ACL)
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

**Tuesday, February 18**

- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
- 5:30-9p - Guest Speaker—ValLimar (ACL)

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

- 7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

**Friday, February 21**

- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)

**Saturday, February 22**

- No Meetings

**Sunday, February 23**

- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

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**St. Irene Giving Report**

**January Sunday Contributions**

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**Caring for Our Parish Building Fund**

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**Walking with Purpose**

**The Modern Woman’s Guide to the Bible**

Are you in search of your “one thing” for Lent? Join other women like you for “Living in the Father’s Love,” a Women’s Bible study beginning Thursday, February 27th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

- 92% of participants recommend the study to a friend.
- 97% report at stronger relationship with Christ.
- 97% say their prayer life has improved.

Find out why! Check it out Walkingwithpurpose.com

Contact the St. Irene Parish Office for more information (630) 393-2400 x110.

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**Join us for Mass at Mercy Home**

We have been invited to participate in the taping of Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls for airing on May 3rd The Fourth Sunday of Easter and May 24th The Ascension.

We will meet on Sunday, March 8th at 11:30a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 12:30p.m.-2:00 p.m. and there will be a complimentary luncheon beforehand. There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street parking available.

We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than 20 people for the TV audience (children over 5 years old are welcome). Please let Joe Kubal know if you will be joining by March 1st. Mercy Home is a Catholic Charity and free-will donations would be appreciated. For questions or more information please contact Joe Kubal at 630-983-6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.

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**K of C Eyeglass and DME Drive**

Please donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of church.

Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be available from February 29th through May 31st.

Also, we will be collecting used durable medical equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath chairs, crutches, and hearing aids. These items will be donated to appropriate healthcare facilities and/or senior organizations.

Please leave your donations in the church narthex or contact Joe Kubal at 630-983-6159 or jdrrk4715@aol.com to schedule a pick-up.
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
Colette Malovany
Sam Vitale
Pat Wehner
Mary George
Desiree Sheppard
Erich Pavel
Marc Aller Ruzzo

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, February 17
Founders of the Servite Order, Presidents’ Day
7:00AM - Gary La Petina / 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, February 18
Sixth Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - Judith Tullis / Cathy Kott
Francis Thlin / Kristin Kocan

Wednesday, February 19
Sixth Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - Frances Glover / Cathy Kott

Thursday, February 20
Sixth Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 21
St. Peter Damian

Saturday, February 22
Vigil: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, Washington’s Birthday
5:00PM - Craig Farmer / Mom and Dad
Jack Ridicker / Family

Sunday, February 23
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Tommaso Siele/Bevwing & Siele Fams
10:00AM - Battaglia Family / Sue
John Reedy / St. Irene Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us on Thursdays anytime between 7:30AM-8PM. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or an 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.