I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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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Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry

Thank You!

We will be sending email updates weekly and continue to provide the bulletin with updated information and liturgical readings. There are various ways to get the bulletin: - Hardcopy available in the Church and the Parish Office - Our St. Irene website at https://st-irene.org/documents/collection/bulletin

- Our publisher’s site, J.S. Paluch at https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com (enter 60555 zip code and look for St. Irene)

Sunday contributions can be dropped off at the Parish Office M-F 8:30am - 4:00pm or can be mailed to: St. Irene Parish, 28W441 Warrenville Road, Warrenville, IL  60555

All Saturday and Sunday Masses are CANCELLED indefinitely.

- Weekday 7:00am Mass will continue.
- Eucharistic Adoration continues on Thursdays.
- Food Pantry continues to be open on Wednesdays.

The Church will be open daily from 7:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday from 12:00pm – 6:00pm, and Sunday from 7:30am – 12:00pm.

All meetings, events, and gatherings are CANCELLED until further notice.

Help Jesus in Disguise

This weekend, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in Disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Condolences to the Family of Leo H. Herbst
Father of Joe Herbst
Coins for Caring Network

The Caring Network provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, enabling them to choose life for their babies. You can help the Caring Network by participating in Coins for Caring Network. Pick up your baby bottle today at the display in the Narthex. Fill it with spare change and return it to church by April 26. Your change can truly make a difference!

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.

The next workshop at St. Irene is Monday, April 13, 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 x120.

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 CCW President (Dana Wolze danawolze.com). The paper application deadline is March 26, 2020. A FACTS scholarship application must be submitted 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-BBSF 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.

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.

Parish Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 29th

The hunt will take place after 10:00am Mass on Fr. Jim’s lawn (weather permitting). It will be in the ACU if weather does not cooperate. Coffee and donuts in the ACL!

CANCELLLED

Attention all kids of the Parish!

Would you like to go on an African Adventure? Join us for ROAR VBS set to take off this Summer!

Save the date for June 22 - 25!

Celebrate God’s goodness and your ferocious faith that powers us through this Wild Life! This safari is sure to be fun for the whole herd! More details to follow!
**Whole Parish Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

🔹 David is anointed king of Israel.

**Background:** Saul the first king anointed by Samuel is rejected by God for disobedience. God sends Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint Saul’s successor. Samuel anoints David. The first reading is a story of seeing. God sees David as no one else sees him.

**Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14**

🔹 You are people of the light.

**Background:** The passage from Ephesians expands on the division between the sightless and the seeing. Those who believe in Jesus are children of light. With Christ they have been raised from the darkness of death and live in the light of Christ.

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

🔹 Jesus gives us sight.

**Background:** At the start of today’s Gospel story of the man born blind, the disciples believe that sin is the cause of the man’s blindness. When Jesus gives the blind man sight, both the disciples and the blind man move from darkness into light. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of sin because he healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The man with new sight however sees more clearly, he calls Jesus a prophet. The Pharisees refuse to believe; they are truly blind.

**Theme:** We are children of the Light.

**Question for Adults:**

Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

**Question for Youth:**

Jesus helped a blind man see—and He helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

**Question for Children:**

What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

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**Acera del Evangelio**

Jesús coloca barro en los ojos de un ciego. ¡Cuando el hombre se lava el barro, puede ver! Algunas personas se alegran de que el ciego pueda ver. Otros están molestos porque, para sanar al hombre, Jesús violó la ley de no trabajar en el día de reposo.

**Pregunta de la semana** - ¿Si estuviéramos ciegos y pudieras ver de repente, a quien o que te emocionaría más ver?

**Oración en familia** – Dios, abre nuestros ojos para que te veamos en toda la creación. Amen.

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**Family Faith Formation**

(Religious Education)

Classes meet on Tuesdays for Grades 1-6 in the classroom at 5:30-7PM and Wednesdays for Grades 7-8 in the ACL at 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL. NO CLASSES until further notice.

**Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:**

**Gospel of John 9:1-41** - Jesus smears mud on a blind man’s eyes. When the man washes off the mud, his sight is healed. Some people rejoice that the blind man can see, and others are upset because Jesus broke the Sabbath to heal him.

**Question of the Week:**

🔹 If you were blind and could suddenly see, who or what would you be most excited to see?

**Gospel Questions:**

🔹 What in the story of the man born blind’s journey to faith in Jesus is like your own faith journey?
🔹 What can the man born blind see at the end of his story?
🔹 What do you see in God’s creation that you love?

**Life Questions:**

🔹 When has what you see with your eyes healed you or deepened your faith in God’s love?
🔹 When has discovering a different point of view made a difference in the way you see things?
🔹 Name some things you see and appreciate.

**Family Prayer:**

🔹 **God, open our eyes so that we will see you in all of Creation. Amen.**

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — Psalm 23:1
Are you clearing your calendar for the Sacred Triduum?

We Begin: Thursday, April 9th at 7PM with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Let us enter into the sacred mysteries together. After listening to the scriptures, we will wash one another’s feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life. We process with food and alms for the poor. We celebrate the Eucharist. We enter into the Paschal fast. We keep vigil. The evening has no ending....

We Continue: We gather quietly on Friday, April 10th at 3PM and listen to scripture. We pray for all the world’s needs. We reverence the holy cross. We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ repose in the tomb.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday: Hungry now and excited, on Saturday, April 11th at 8PM the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and renew our baptismal promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. We break the fast with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. This is what we are about.

Come be church when the church is at her best.

Let’s fill the church in praise of God. Many hands (and feet!) are needed to make these liturgies a profound experience for the entire parish. Sign up to help with the many ministry opportunities available. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9
Morning Prayer: 7AM
The Lord’s Supper: 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10
Morning Prayer: 7AM
The Lord’s Passion: 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11
Morning Prayer: 8AM
Blessing of Baskets: 12PM

THE EASTER VIGIL MASS
Blessing of New Fire: 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12
Masses: 8AM & 10AM

All are invited to bring a can of food to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 9th at 7PM. During the offertory procession the assembly will be invited to bring their gifts forth as a sign of solidarity with the poor.

Incense will be used on April 4 at the 5PM Mass & April 5 at 10AM. It will also be used at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8PM and on Easter Sunday at 10AM. If incense bothers your allergies, please celebrate with us at one of the other Masses.

Stay tuned for updates.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe During COVID-19 Pandemic by Archbishop José Gomez

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
**This Week’s Meetings**

**Sunday, March 22**
- 10-10:45a - Children's Liturgy of the Word (ACL)  
- 11-4p - Confirmation Retreat (AC) - CANCELLED

**Monday, March 23**
- 1-2:30p - Adult Education (ACL) - CANCELLED
- 7-8:30p - Adult Education (ACL) - CANCELLED

**Tuesday, March 24**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary RE (C,S) - CANCELLED

**Wednesday, March 25**
- 9:30-12p - Easter Bulletin Stuffing (Staff Rm)
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL) - CANCELLED
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High RE (S, AC) - CANCELLED
- 7-8:30p - Choir (Church) - CANCELLED

**Thursday, March 26**
- 5-9p - Egg Stuffing (ACL) - CANCELLED

**Friday, March 27**
- 12:15-3:30p Band (ACL) - CANCELLED
- 5:30-10p - Lenten Soup Supper (ACL)

**Saturday, March 28**
- No Meetings

**Sunday, March 29**
- 10-10:45a - Children's Liturgy of the Word (ACL)  
- 11-4p - Confirmation Retreat (AC) - CANCELLED

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**CCW Toothbrush and Toothpaste Collection for PADS**

CCW will be collecting toothbrushes and travel size toothpaste for PADS during the month of March. A box will be in the back of church for donations. We supply a meal every 4th Thursday at the Interim Overnight housing held at 1st United Methodist Church, West Chicago. For more information contact Barbara Olson 630-393-1279 or for other volunteer or donation needs contact http://www.dupagepads.org/ or call 630-682-3846.

**SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming blood drive!**

**WARRENVILLE VFW POST #8081**

**March 28, 2020**

7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Appointments are encouraged! Please click: https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5579764 to schedule your preferred donation time!

Who benefits from blood donation? At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, they never forget the patients who receive the blood they collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected, transported, tested and stored according to tightly-controlled procedures. Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units

For further details, Ray Scott captainrscott@aol.com

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**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

Presider, Fr. Paul Hottinger  
Friday, March 27, at 7:30PM  
St. Margaret Mary Church,  
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville  
For information, contact Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576

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**K of C Eyeglass and DME Drive**

Please donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses by dropping 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 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 jdrk4715@aol.com to schedule a pick-up.

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**Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines**

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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.

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - stationed in 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