He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee.

Matthew 28:7
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.

I pray this finds you with a smile on your face and joy in your heart as we celebrate Easter. These are difficult times but we can't put all our focus on the negative. Today we celebrate that Jesus Christ is Risen and renews His promise of life everlasting. Our sins are forgiven and we saved. No one or any situation can take that from us. The perfect love of God will always surround us and give us reason to have hope for our future. Take time today to offer a prayer of thanks for all the help and support God has given you through family and friends, Give thanks for your Church family also. Make this Easter truly joy filled as God intended to be. Sing an Alleluia with gusto.

I hope you had a chance to join us at Mass on your TV or computer.

I miss all of you and pray for you and your family every day. Stay healthy and pray for one another. Together united as God’s family we will see better days.

Happy Easter with lots of love.

Easter Triduum Schedule:
• Holy Thursday – the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 p.m.
• Good Friday Service – the Lord’s Passion at 3:00 p.m.
• Easter Vigil – no service
• Easter Sunday – Mass at 10:00 a.m.

All will be live streamed and a recording will be available afterwards on:
• Facebook at - https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/
• YouTube channel at - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

We will be sending email updates weekly and continue to provide the bulletin with updated information and liturgical readings. You can get our bulletin on the St. Irene website at https://st-irene.org/documents/collection/bulletin

Sunday contributions can be mailed to:
St. Irene Parish,
28W441 Warrenville Road,
Warrenville, IL  60555
Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020 - Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: “the marriage of heaven and earth,” as the Vigil calls Jesus’ resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts’ “divine vacation” (Latin vacare, “to be empty”), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your “paschal candle”), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish’s baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): “Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet.”

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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. Amen.

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death?
Where is your victory, O hell?
Christ has risen, and you are overthrown.
Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen.
Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice.
Christ has risen, and life reigns.
Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave.
For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept.
To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages.
Amen.
—Byzantine Pentekostarion

Communication from Bishop Pates

With the state of Illinois under a “stay-at-home” order through the end of April, Bishop Richard Pates, our Apostolic Administrator has issued a decree dispensing the faithful in the dioceses from their Easter obligations due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. To see his whole statement go to the Diocese website at http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/bishop/Attachment 4 - Decree re Easter Obligation.pdf

Divine Mercy Novena:

April 10-April 19

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. More information at: https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet
Benet Academy Honor Roll

The following Benet Academy students are members of our parish and have made the honor roll:

First Honors (academic average 92-100):
- Jacob Schilf
- Samantha Schilf

Second Honors (academic average 85-91):
- Gabriel Szopinski

CONGRATULATIONS! Good job!

Daily Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

God
Family
Friends

Parents, you have a great opportunity, and your kids have such a great need, to be drawn more deeply into relationship with: God, your family, and with friends. Make time this Sunday to strengthen these foundational relationships. Check out this wonderful resource from the Diocese of Joliet at http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/content1.php?secid=81

Stay tuned for Safari news soon!
Family Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

Gospel of John 20:1-9 - Jesus’ friends discover that his tomb is empty on the third day after his death. They do not know where He has gone. Jesus appears to his friends and shares that He has been raised from the dead. His friends rejoice that he has returned.

Question of the Week:
♦ How do you share the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection with others?

Gospel Questions:
♦ What disciple in the Easter Gospel are you most like in your faith—the beloved disciple, Peter, Mary Magdalene?
♦ How does Mary Magdalene recognize Jesus? How does Thomas come to believe Jesus is risen?
♦ Why do we light an Easter candle as a sign of Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ What new day does Easter bring in your life?
♦ What family traditions are important to how you celebrate Easter?
♦ What new life do you see in nature?

Family Prayer:
Alleluia! We are filled with joy that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Help us, God, to share our joy with others. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Family Faith Formation (Educación Religiosa)

Discusión Familiar Semanal del Evangelio:

Evangelio de Juan 20:1-9 - Los amigos de Jesús descubren que Su tumba esta vacía al tercer día después de Su muerte. No saben a dónde ha ido. Jesús se les aparece a Sus amigos y comparte que ha sido resucitado de entre los muertos. Sus amigos se alegran de que este vivo y con ellos de nuevo.

Pregunta de la Semana:
♦ ¿Cómo compartes la Buena Nueva de la Resurrección de Jesús con los demás?

Preguntas Sobre el Evangelio:
♦ ¿Qué discípulo en el Evangelio de Pascua te parece más en tu fe: el discípulo amado, Pedro, María Magdalena?
♦ ¿Cómo reconoce María Magdalena a Jesús? ¿Cómo llega Tomás a creer que Jesús ha resucitado?
♦ ¿Por qué encendemos una vela de Pascua como un signo de Jesús?

Preguntas de la Vida:
♦ ¿Qué nuevo día trae la Pascua en tu vida?
♦ ¿Qué tradiciones familiares son importantes para celebrar la Pascua?
♦ ¿Qué vida nueva ves en la naturaleza?

Oración en Familia:
¡Aleluya! Estamos llenos de gozo porque Jesús resucito de entre los muertos. Ayúdanos, Señor, a compartir nuestra alegría con los demás. Amen.

Comunión Espiritual

Jesús mío,
creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.
Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.
Como en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente,
entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón.
Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno completamente a Ti.
Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti.
Amen.
### Whole Parish Catechesis  
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

| Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Catequesis Parroquial Entera  
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe
| ♦ God raised Him up on the third day. | Primera Lectura: Hechos 10:34a, 37-43
| ♦ Dios resucitó al tercer día. |

#### Background:
In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter efficiently summarizes Jesus’ life and death. Peter, whose denial of Jesus was heartrending, had now been given a new strength to tell the story of God’s anointed one. The source of Peter’s strength was his “witness”; he was one of the few who had been chosen “to eat and drink with Jesus after He rose from the dead”. (Acts 10:41)

#### Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4
♦ Set you heart on what pertains to higher realms.

#### Background:
The two readings from the letter of Paul (we will use one or the other in our Liturgy of the Word) provide encouragement and insight to the newly baptized and to all Christians. The event of Baptism is a life-long journey that we renew every day. In both readings, Paul’s point is clear: The Lamb of God has been sacrificed to give us fullness of life, and we must respond to that gift by the way we live our lives.

#### Gospel: John 20:1-9
♦ Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.

#### Background:
The Gospel reading is John’s version of the disciples’ discovery of the empty tomb. Central to the story is how the participants come to believe in the risen Lord. The disciples saw and believed, however the author calls attention to the “Beloved Disciple”, who saw only the minimum yet believed.

#### Theme:
Jesus’ resurrection - the heart of our faith, life, and journey.

#### Question for Adults:
Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

#### Question for Youth:
Jesus’ closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus’ resurrection mean in your life?

#### Question for Children:
When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

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| ♦ Dios resucitó al tercer día. | Primera Lectura: Hechos 10:34a, 37-43 |

#### Antecedentes:
En la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro resume con eficiencia la vida y muerte de Jesús. Pedro, cuya negación de Jesús fue desgarradora, ahora se le ha dado una nueva fuerza para contar la historia del ungido de Dios. La fuente de la fuerza de Pedro fue su “testimonio”; él fue uno de los pocos que había sido elegido para “comer y beber con Jesús después de que resucitara de la muerte”. (Hechos 10:41)

#### Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3:1-4
♦ Poned la mira en las cosas de arriba.

#### Antecedentes:
Las dos lecturas de la Carta de Pablo (usaremos una o la otra en nuestra liturgia de la Palabra) proporcionan aliento y visión de los nuevos bautizados y para todos los cristianos. El evento del Bautismo es un viaje durante toda la vida que renovamos cada día. En ambas lecturas, el punto de Pablo es claro: El Cordero de Dios ha sido sacrificado para darnos la plenitud de la vida, y debemos responder a ese don con la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas.

#### Evangélico: Juan 20:1-9
♦ María Magdalena fue temprano al sepulcro.

#### Antecedentes:
La lectura del Evangelio es la versión de Juan del descubrimiento de la tumba vacía que hicieron los discípulos. La historia central es cómo los participantes creyeron en el Dios resucitado. Los discípulos vieron y creyeron, sin embargo, el autor llama la atención hacia el “Amado Discípulo”, quien vio sólo lo mínimo y creyó.

#### Tema:
La resurrección de Jesús, el corazón de nuestra fe, vida y viaje.

#### Pregunta Para Adultos:
Mencione una forma o una vez que haya experimentado la presencia del Cristo Resucitado. ¿A la hora de los alimentos? ¿Con aquellos que ama? ¿En otro momento?

#### Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
Al crecer y convertirte en un joven, ¿cómo experimentas el coraje y el poder que se nos ha dado a través del Cristo Resucitado?

#### Pregunta Para Niños:
¿Cuándo has visto a alguien hacer una buena acción por alguien más?
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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

St. Irene Giving Report

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Prayer for People who are Infected with COVID-19 or Facing Quarantine

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. Amen.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory — Colossians 3:4

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