The Tomb of Lazarus
Al-ezariya (Bethany)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
John 11:43

March 29, 2020
Fifth 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.

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

On-line at www.parishpay.com

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.
**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 be a hope center for families in our community 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](http://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.

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**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.

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**Benet Academy Honor Roll**

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

- Jacob Schilf
- Samantha Schilf

Second Honors (academic average 85-91):

- Gabriel Szopinski

CONGRATULATIONS! Good job!

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**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: Ezekiel 37:12-14
♦ I will put my spirit in you.

Background: The reading from Ezekiel is part of a longer vision of the movement from death to new life. Ezekiel was preaching to the exiles in Babylon who were convinced that as a people, they were dead. Ezekiel understood that the power of life belonged to God alone.

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11
♦ You are in the Spirit.

Background: In the second reading, Paul stresses that life in the Spirit is the true life that Jesus came to bring. The death of Jesus led to the gift of everlasting life for those who believe in him. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in believers and will also bring their death-bound bodies to life.

Gospel: John 11:1-45
♦ I am the resurrection and the life.

Background: The story of Lazarus is a drama that plays between two understandings of life and death. Jesus announces that he himself is the Resurrection. Lazarus, though raised, will die again. This is different from the Resurrection of Christ. Lazarus rises again to this present earthly life. This miracle is a sign of the greatest miracle of all, resurrection.

Theme: New life in Christ Jesus

Question for Adults:
The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

Question for Youth:
Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Question for Children:
How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Out of the depths I cry to you O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! — Psalm 130:1
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.
GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God’s glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John’s Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus’ works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Diving Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

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.

Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry

Please remember us for our upcoming Easter needs of hams, yams, canned vegetables & fruit, cake or brownie mix, frosting, Jello, pancake mix, syrup, and Mashed or Au Gratin Potatoes. Bring Easter Hams to the Parish Center by Friday, April 3rd.

The loving spirit of St. Irene Community is shown through our generosity to the poor.

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.

Help Jesus in Disguise

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in Disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late? Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.
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
Max Malesh

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, March 30
Lenten Weekday
7:00AM - Ted Mlsna / Family

Tuesday, March 31
Lenten Weekday
7:00AM - Terri Napodano / Betty Danielson
Deacon Richard Nowak / Family

Wednesday, April 1
April Fool’s Day
7:00AM - Elsie Simon / 1st Anniversary

Thursday, April 2
St. Francis of Paola
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 3
Abstinence

Saturday, April 4
St. Isidore; First Saturday
5:00PM - NO MASS

Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday
8:00AM - NO MASS
10:00AM - NO MASS

With God, go over the sea. Without God, don’t even go over the threshold. — Russian proverb

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:  Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:  Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:  Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:  Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:  Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:  Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. — Adapted from the prayers of Pope Francis

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.