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John 20:19
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

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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.

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Welcome to Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ is with us all the time. Today in a special way we call it to mind and renew our trust in the Lord and pray that He gives us all the graces we need. Our sins are forgiven and we are free to serve God with all our gifts and talents. How are you going to use this gift from God to make a difference? For each of us that will be different but to do nothing is not a choice. Take time in prayer and listen to the Lord for his guidance. This will be a great week, for the Lord is with us!

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A Note from Fr. Jim ...

Schedule Updates

Sunday Masses

Sunday masses will be live streamed at 10:00am and a recording will be available afterwards on:
- Facebook at - https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/
- YouTube channel at - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZZb_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

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Reflecting on God’s Word - Once in a while I find myself in the pew at a liturgical celebration, and I confess I like to sit near the front and watch all the people as they come back from receiving Holy Communion. I know what all the books say about that, what my teachers taught, and what the priests I’ve listened to have preached. They said you’re supposed to be praying, but I can’t help it. I just like to watch all the folks. I think God may even like it as much as I do. When I sit there watching them, I think about how we’re all believers of one sort or another. George, who every week comes alone, without his family. And Melissa, who flirts with all the boys more than she should, and whose parents hardly ever seem to smile. And Mr. P., who always casts his eyes downward and folds his hands upward. And Agnes, who seems to have been caring for her aging mother for as long as anyone in the church can remember and who herself is now beginning to show signs of aging as well. And the lanky high schooler who must play basketball well, because he’s certainly tall enough and wears a letter proudly on his school jacket. And Arthur, whose wife just died. And a couple hundred other believers as well. They’re all here, every Sunday, and they’re all part of the Body of Christ. It’s also why I’m a believer, because they’re believers; and most of the time I need them to be believers just so I can be a believer. Thomas of this week’s Gospel couldn’t be a believer on his own. Having missed the Sunday gathering, he just couldn’t say yes on his own. But one week later when he was there with all the others, that made all the difference in the world. In fact it made him a believer. So that’s why I watch all the folks processing by after they receive Holy Communion. They make me a believer.

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SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) - April 21 For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule’s balanced “prayer and work,” this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into fires of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today’s Liturgy of the Hours celebrates him: “Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!” “Faith seeking understanding” was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed “A Prayer for My Friends” and “A Prayer for My Enemies,” reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.
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.

Supplicate the missing letters in the verse, then rearrange them to spell the missing word ...

Paul told them ...
"You do not la___k
Any spi_____tal ____ift
as you ___agerly
w____it for our Lord."

That was because of God’s

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If you love Jesus then you have life!
Find the letters: LIFE

It’s been said that it takes a village to raise a child. I’d rather say it takes a community of faith to raise a believer. It’s how we come to faith and stay in faith.

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/rea/content1.php?secid=81

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

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

Gospel Reflection

Many women and men followed Jesus from the beginning of his ministry, heard his teaching, and witnessed his healing actions. Jesus' crucifixion and death destroyed their hope that he was the Messiah. Easter blows the minds of Jesus' followers. They experience Jesus risen and alive. These disciples become eyewitnesses of Jesus' new life.

Mary Magdalene brings the beloved disciple and Peter to see that Jesus’ tomb is empty. The beloved disciple sees the empty tomb and immediately believes Jesus is risen. Mary Magdalene can't stand to leave Jesus’ tomb with his body missing; she hears the Risen Jesus speak her name and believes. Mary Magdalene becomes the witness to Jesus’ other friends. She announces to the whole community: “I have seen the Lord.”

Peter and the whole community of Jesus’ followers pray together, still afraid and locked together in a room. Jesus comes and gives them peace and forgiveness. They believe and become his witnesses. Thomas doubts that Jesus is risen until he sees and touches Jesus for himself and believes.

Jesus' friends become witnesses that God raised up Jesus to new life. Today it is our turn to be witnesses to Jesus' new life.

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.

Formación de Fe Familiar
(Educación Religiosa)

Discusión Familiar Semanal del Evangelio:

Reflexión del Evangelio

Muchas mujeres y hombres siguieron a Jesús desde el principio de su ministerio, escucharon sus enseñanzas y fueron testigos de sus acciones sanadoras. La crucifixión y muerte de Jesús destruyeron su esperanza de que el era el Mesías. La Pascua asombro a los seguidores de Jesús. Ellos experimentaron al Jesús resucitado y vivo. Los discípulos se convirtieron en testigos de la nueva vida de Jesús.

María Magdalena lleva al amado discípulo y a Pedro a ver la tumba vacía de Jesús e inmediatamente cree que Jesús ha resucitado. María Magdalena no puede soportar la idea de dejar la tumba de Jesús con el cuerpo faltante, escucha a Jesús resucitado llamándola por su nombre y cree. María Magdalena se convierte en testigo por los demás amigos de Jesús. Ella anuncia a toda la comunidad: “He visto al Señor”.

Pedro y el resto de la comunidad de seguidores de Jesús rezan juntos en un cuarto. Jesús entra y les ofrece paz y el perdón. Ellos creen y se convierten en sus testigos. Tomás duda que Jesús resucito hasta que lo ve y lo toca el mismo y entonces comienza a creer.

Los amigos de Jesús se convierten en testigos de que Dios resucito a Jesús a una nueva vida.

Oración en Familia:

¡Aleluya! Estamos llenos de gozo porque Jesús resucitó 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 estuviéramos 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 2:42-47
♦ They devoted themselves to a communal life.


Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9
♦ There is cause for rejoicing here.

Background: The First Letter of Peter is a strong witness to the power of faith. The author bursts forth in song, praising God whose gift of faith is our realization of new life, new birth. We are delivered from death for life in the Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31
♦ Peace be with you, he said.

Background: In the Gospel reading, we see more than a Resurrection appearance of Jesus to His disciples; we also see their joy and the transformation of their lives. Because of the new courage that followed from their faith, the disciples move from a state of fear to joy. The second half of the Gospel depicts Thomas’ struggle to believe in the Resurrection. The passage challenges Christians to do better, to believe without seeing.

Theme: Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Question for Adults:
When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebrate reconciliation? At other times?

Question for Youth:
Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Children:
Even though you can’t see him with your eyes, how do you “see” Jesus in others?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: Hechos 2:42-47
♦ Ellos pusieron su devoción en una vida comunal.

Antecedentes: Una fotografía de la comunidad cristiana Antigua se dará en la primera lectura de hoy de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Los cristianos de Jerusalén se reúnen con corazones gozosos. Los cristianos antiguos vivieron en la realidad de una nueva vida en Jesús.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 1:3-9
♦ Hay motivo de regocijo aquí.

Antecedentes: La Primera Carta de Pedro atestigua la fuerza del poder de la fe. El autor irrumpa en una canción, alabando a Dios cuyo don de fe es nuestra realización de una nueva vida, nuevo nacimiento. Somos entregados de la muerte a la vida en el Señor.

Evangelio: Juan 20:19-31
♦ La paz sea contigo, él dijo.

Antecedentes: En la lectura del evangelio, vemos más que una aparición de la resurrección de Jesús a sus discípulos; también vemos su alegría y la transformación de sus vidas. Debido al nuevo coraje que siguió a su fe, los discípulos cambiaron de un estado de miedo a uno de gozo. La segunda mitad del Evangelio muestra las dificultades de Tomás para creer en la resurrección. El pasaje reta a los cristianos a ser mejores, a creer sin ver.

Tema: Jesús nos da el poder del Espíritu Santo.

Pregunta Para Adultos:
¿Cuándo y cómo experimenta el “nuevo nacimiento” que se nos da en Cristo? ¿Cuándo lo ha perdonado alguien? ¿Cuándo ha perdonado a otros? ¿Cuándo celebra la reconciliación? ¿En otros momentos?

Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
En el mundo visual y auditivo de hoy, ¿cómo mantienes tu fe en el Cristo Resucitado a quien en realidad no ves ni escuchas? ¿En qué formas específicas fortaleces tu fe?

Pregunta Para Niños:
Aunque no puedas verlo con tus ojos, ¿cómo “ves” a Jesús en los demás?
Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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.

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. — John 20:29b

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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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.

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