The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

 Luke 24:35
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Call or register on-line on our website.

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.

RECONCILIATION: Suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.

FOOD PANTRY: Pantry closed until further notice due to COVID-19.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass, call Parish Office.

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 or at joe.urso@outlook.com.

MASS SCHEDULE
See 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/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

This weekend we have a collection for Catholic Home Missions to strengthen the Church at Home.

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Joliet is cancelling all Memorial Day Masses. The sacred grounds are open from sunrise to sunset and the Mausoleum chapels are open for prayer every day from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

We will be sending email updates when there are changes or other information to provide. The bulletin will be provided weekly on the St. Irene website at https://st-irene.org/documents/collection/bulletin

Contributions can be mailed to:
St. Irene Parish
28W441 Warrenville Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

Or can be made on-line through our WeShare Online Giving program at https://st-irene.churchgiving.com
Reflecting on God’s Word - Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh so briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sit with a friend at a noonday lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has, and maturing; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos.

These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it’s the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we’d like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?

I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn’t much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened.

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SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380) - April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic The Dialogue inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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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.
The Catholic Heart Work camps have been CANCELLED this year.

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

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.

Young Adult Faith Sharing on Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’

Our Earth is in peril. With Pope Francis’ groundbreaking encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si’ as our guide, we will support and inspire each other to take action on behalf of our common home during this faith-sharing series.

Join RENEW International Young Adult Leaders in a six-week faith-sharing series on Creation at the Crossroads, a small-group resource breaking open Laudato Si’. Sessions will be weekly, starting on Earth Day, April 22 at 8 PM ET (7 PM CT, 6 PM PT):

♦ April 22, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
♦ April 29, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
♦ May 6, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
♦ May 13, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
♦ May 20, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
♦ May 27, 8 PM ET, 7 PM CT, 6 PM PT
For more information call - 1-888-433-3221

However did the fish symbol—two intersecting arcs—come to be associated with Jesus? Because His disciples were fishermen? Because of the miracle of the loaves and fishes? Because Catholics eat fish on Fridays? The letters of the Greek word for fish, ichthys, are an acronym for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” It was a secret symbol used by the persecuted early Christians. What outward sign of solidarity can you make with those who are persecuted for their faith today?
—Take Five for Faith

Jesus said, “Do not worry about what tomorrow will bring.”

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

GO ______ A E
O ______ U ________

God cares for us

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts! — From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.168

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

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

**Gospel of Luke 24:13–35** - Jesus walks with two of His disciples to Emmaus. They do not recognize Him until He blesses and breaks bread with them, just as He did at the Last Supper. The disciples are filled with joy, and share their experience with others they meet.

**Question of the Week:**
- When have you recognized that Jesus is with you?

**Gospel Questions:**
- In what ways do you experience the Risen Jesus present with us?
- How do Jesus’ friends recognize Him?
- What story about Jesus do we hear in Mass this Sunday?

**Life Questions:**
- Who has helped rekindle your hope at times you have lost hope?
- How do you recognize followers of Jesus?
- What are some ways you know when a person is a friend?

**Family Prayer:**

*Jesus, our hearts are full of love for you. Help us to notice your presence with us. Amen.*

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Family Faith Formation (Educación Religiosa)

Discusión Familiar Semanal del Evangelio:

**Evangelio de Lucas 24:13-35** - Jesús camina con dos de sus discípulos de Jerusalén a Emaús. Ellos no lo reconocen hasta que bendice y parte con ellos el pan. Los discípulos están llenos de gozo y regresan a Jerusalén para compartir su experiencia con los apóstoles.

**Pregunta de la Semana:**
- ¿Cuándo has reconocido que Jesús está contigo?

**Preguntas Sobre el Evangelio:**
- ¿De qué manera experimentas el Jesús resucitado presente con nosotros?
- ¿Cómo lo reconocen los amigos de Jesús?
- ¿Cuál cuento de Jesús escuchamos en la misa este domingo?

**Preguntas de la Vida:**
- ¿Quién ha ayudado a reavivar tu esperanza a veces que has perdido la esperanza?
- ¿Cómo reconoces a los seguidores de Jesús?
- ¿Cuáles son algunas formas de saber cuándo una persona es amigo?

**Oración en Familia:**

*Jesús nuestro corazón está lleno de amor por ti. Ayúdanos a notar tu presencia con nosotros. Amen.*

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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.*

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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 2:14, 22-33
♦ My heart has been glad.

Background: In the first reading from Acts, Peter tells the story of Jesus. For the Israelites, the Resurrection is a sign that Jesus is the “anointed one.” Today’s passage reveals that Jesus is both Lord of heaven and the Messiah sent to save Israel.

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21
♦ It is through Him that you are believers.

Background: Today’s letter from 1 Peter aims to encourage Christians to remain faithful in the face of hardship. The Israelites’ journey through the desert is compared to the journey of the Christian life. For Christians, salvation is ours when we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, sufferings included.

♦ Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke?

Background: In today’s Gospel, a stranger joins the disciples as they journey to Emmaus. It was not unusual for a person living in the region at the time to invite a stranger to be their guest and share a meal. The stranger/guest in today’s Gospel suddenly becomes the host, and the disciples receive from Him the Bread of Life.

Theme: When we share meals, Christ sits among us.

Question for Adults:
Share about great meals you’ve been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

Question for Youth:
The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Question for Children:
What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: Hechos 2:14, 22-33
♦ Mi corazón se alegró.

Antecedentes: En la primera lectura de los Hechos, Pedro cuenta la historia de Jesús. Para los israelitas, la resurrección es una señal de que Jesús es el “ungido”. El pasaje de hoy revela que Jesús es el Señor de los cielos y el Mesías enviado a salvar a Israel.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 1:17-21
♦ Que por medio de Él sois creyentes.

Antecedentes: La Primera Carta de Pedro se inclina a animar a los cristianos a permanecer creyentes al enfrentar las privaciones. El viaje de los israelitas a través del desierto se compara a la jornada de la vida cristiana. Para los cristianos, la salvación es nuestra cuando seguimos los pasos de Jesús, incluyendo los sufrimientos.

Evangelio: Lucas 24:13-35
♦ ¿No ardia nuestro Corazon dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba?

Antecedentes: En el Evangelio de hoy, un extraño se une a los discípulos en su viaje a Emaú. No era usual para una persona que vivía en la región en ese tiempo invitar a un extraño y compartir su alimento. El extraño en el Evangelio de hoy repentinamente se convierte en el anfitrión y los discípulos reciben de él el Pan de la Vida.

Tema: Cuando compartimos los alimentos, Cristo se sienta entre nosotros.

Pregunta Para Adultos:
Hable de las grandes comidas de las que ha sido parte, las que todavía sean memorables.

Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
En el rápido mundo de escuela y el trabajo, habla sobre las formas en las cuales podrías separar un tiempo para compartir los alimentos con tu familia o amigos.

Pregunta Para Niños:
¿Cuál es tu tiempo favorito para compartir una comida con tu familia?
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Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial,
      Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16;
      Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

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
Marc Alleruzzo
Jim Pippenger
Tim Rasplicka
Fr. Jim
Rachel Jaraisus
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales

St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday from this week:
- April 20 - Ellen Voegtle / Antoinette Harrison
- April 23 - Joikin Chun / Family
- April 24 - Peg & Tom Hatch / Family
- April 25 - Jack Radicken / Family
- April 26 - Marie Schmidt / Mom

GOD’S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him — In the breaking of the bread. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Prayer for People 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.

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