The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23:1
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 is closed until further notice due to COVID-19. For assistance, call the Parish Office or the Pantry at 630-393-2400 x112.

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

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: 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.

So we made it through another week. I bet you’re wondering if God is paying attention to what we are going through. The answer is YES! Jesus promised He would be with us always.

Rather than focusing on what you don’t have, focus on what you do have … food on your table, a roof over your head, a warm place to live, and family and friends who check in on you. See God does provide!

This is Good Shepard Sunday and Jesus is Shepard for us all.

Remember to pray for family and friends everyday as I do for you.

May God bless you, stay healthy.

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

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 emailed and 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 - At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep recognized the shepherd’s voice there was no mix-up with sheep that belonged to others.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home the difference between a good shepherd and a stranger. The good shepherd was concerned not only for the flock but for each sheep in it. He knew them and they knew him. “They will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers” (John 10:5).

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Jesus knows his sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. He was willing to lay down His life for them. Most comforting of all, He came then and comes now so we might have life and have it more abundantly. This image challenges all who have been called to be shepherds in today’s church, to be good shepherds and to be good at shepherding. —James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R. Copyright © 2013, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES - May 3

Call Philip the gospel’s “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip’s answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don’t know me? How can you ask that? Don’t you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10).

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The Seven Sorrows Rosary

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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.
St. Irene School Corner

St. Irene’s Virtual Walk Around the World!

St. Irene School is taking a virtual walk around the world. The Walk-a-Thon is one of our students’ favorite events of the school year, and an important fundraiser for our school. While we can’t join together this year, we still want to have fun, get some exercise, help our community and maybe raise a little money. Our “walk around the world” kicks off on May 4th. Join our Facebook page, watch your email and keep an eye on the bulletin for details!

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):

♦ 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

FACE THE DRAGON

The legend of Saint George the dragon slayer is a famous one, but it’s not as rooted in historical fact as is the manner of his martyrdom. Yes, George had the courage to face a monster—but the monster was the Roman emperor Diocletian, whose persecution of Christians in the early 300s martyred not only George but well-known saints Sebastian, Agnes, Lucy, and Philomena, among countless others. George, a soldier, remained joyful even when tortured for his belief. Negative influences threaten your own joyful practice of Christian faith today—are you willing to face them, as George was?

— Take Five for 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/reo/content1.php?secid=81
**Family Faith Formation (Religious Education)**

**Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:**

**Gospel of John 10:1–10** - Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd, and His disciples as His sheep. He knows each of His sheep, and they know Him. Jesus leads His sheep to pastures where they will be well taken care of.

**Question of the Week:**
- Who are the people you can trust to always take care of you?

**Gospel Questions:**
- How do you understand the metaphor of Jesus as the gate of the sheepfold?
- How is Jesus like a sheep gate for Christians?
- Why is Jesus called the Good Shepherd?

**Life Questions:**
- When in your daily life have you felt the pressure of mob psychology?
- Who has shown you how to help others?
- What are some caring ways to show others you care for them?

**Family Prayer:**

*Jesus, we want to be like You and care for other people. Help us to take care of one another through loving thoughts and actions. Amen.*

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**Formación de Fe Familiar (Educación Religiosa)**

**Discusión Familiar Semanal del Evangelio:**

**Evangelio de Juan 10:1–10** - Jesús se describe a sí mismo como el Buen Pastor y a sus discípulos como sus ovejas. Él conoce a cada una de sus ovejas y ellas lo conocen. Jesús lleva a sus ovejas a pastos donde serán bien cuidadas.

**Pregunta de la Semana:**
- ¿Quiénes son las personas que siempre cuidan de ti?

**Preguntas Sobre el Evangelio:**
- ¿Cómo entiendes la metáfora de Jesús como la puerta del redil?
- ¿Cómo es Jesús como una puerta de ovejas para los cristianos?
- ¿Por qué se llama a Jesús el Buen Pastor?

**Preguntas de la Vida:**
- ¿Cuándo en tu vida diaria has sentido la presión de la psicología de la multitud?
- ¿Quién te ha mostrado cómo ayudar a los demás?
- ¿Cuáles son algunas formas de cuidado que haces para mostrarles a los demás que los cuidas?

**Oración en Familia:**

*Jesús, queremos ser como tú y cuidar de los demás. Ayúdanos a cuidarnos los unos a los otros mediante pensamientos y actos amorosos. Amén*

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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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**Comunion 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 2:14a, 36-41**
- You must reform and be baptized.

**Background:** In today's first reading, Peter poses some important questions about the meaning of life to the Jews assembled in Jerusalem. From Peter's perspective, those who had yet to recognize that "Jesus was both Lord and Christ" were a corrupt generation. In asking the Jews to believe that Jesus was "Lord and Christ," Peter was really saying that Jesus is God and Messiah.

**Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**
- By His wounds you were healed.

**Background:** The reference to Isaiah's Suffering Servant in today's first reading, points to the example of Christ. Jesus Christ was truly innocent and when He suffered, He did not oppose with force. This message was important for the Christians who were suffering persecution at the time for living as followers of Jesus.

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**
- I am the gate.

**Background:** The Gospel today portrays Jesus as the gateway through which we enter the Church. Besides drawing on a common image from everyday life at the time of Jesus, today's Gospel evokes several passages from the Hebrew Scriptures. In Ezekiel 34, the prophet reveals that God is the shepherd of the sheep. The author of today's Gospel understands that God has become the shepherd in Jesus.

**Theme:** We enter life to the full through Christ.

#### Question for Adults:
In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

#### Question for Youth:
Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

#### Question for Children:
How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

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### Catequesis Parroquial Entera
#### Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

**Primera Lectura: Hechos 2:14, 36-41**
- Arrepentíos y sed bautizados.

**Antecedentes:** En la primera lectura de hoy, Pedro plantea algunas preguntas importantes sobre el significado de la vida de los judíos reunidos en Jerusalén. Desde la perspectiva de Pedro, aquellos que no habían reconocido todavía que "Jesús era el Señor y Cristo" eran una generación corrupta. Al pedir a los judíos que creyeran que Jesús era "el Señor y Cristo", Pedro estaba diciendo realmente que Jesús es Dios y Mesías.

**Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 2:20-25**
- Por sus heridas fuisteis sanados.

**Antecedentes:** La referencia al siervo de Isaías que sufre en la primera lectura de hoy, señala el ejemplo de Cristo. Jesús Cristo fue verdaderamente inocente y cuando él sufrió, él no opuso resistencia. Este mensaje era importante para los cristianos que estaban sufriendo la persecución en ese entonces por vivir como seguidores de Jesús.

**Evangelio: Juan 10:1-10**
- Yo soy la puerta.

**Antecedentes:** El evangelio de hoy retrata a Jesús como la puerta por la que entramos a la Iglesia. Además de dibujar una imagen común de la vida de todos los días en el tiempo de Jesús, el Evangelio de hoy evoca varios pasajes de las escrituras hebreas. En Ezequiel 34, el profeta revela que Dios es el pastor del rebaño. El autor del Evangelio de hoy entiende que Dios se ha convertido en el pastor en la persona de Jesús.

**Tema:** Entramos a la vida plena a través de Cristo.

#### Pregunta Para Adultos:
¿En qué formas específicas Cristo es un ejemplo a seguir al tratar con otras personas, especialmente con aquellas a las cuales les tiene rencor o aquellas que le desagradan?

#### Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
¿Cómo haces a Jesús tu ejemplo cuando te sientes presionado por tus compañeros, o por no caerle bien a las personas que no te entienden?

#### Pregunta Para Niños:
¿Cómo es Jesús tu ejemplo cuando no les caes bien a los demás?
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 Raspicka
Fr. Jim
Rachel Jaraisus
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 1 8-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

He Himself bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. — 1 Peter 2:24a

St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday from this week:
• April 29 - Mary Jane Kacerovsky / St. Irene
• April 29 - Imelda Nilges / Cathy Kott
• April 30 - Terri Napodano / Bett Danielson
• May 1 - Marsha Bock / Cathy Kott
• May 3 - Deacon Richard Nowak / Family

IN NEED OF A SHEPARD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down His life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so He might guide us and we might follow Him in faith forever.

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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, US Navy, 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
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