Jesus said,
“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

John 14:2
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: 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.

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St. Irene Parish
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Or can be made on-line through our WeShare Online Giving program at  https://st-irene.churchgiving.com
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.
Stay tuned for Safari news soon!

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” continues through May 18th. 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 onCreation 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 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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Do you know the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe? According to tradition, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec convert to Christianity, on December 9 and again on December 12, 1531. She requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City). The bishop demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church, however. Mary appeared a second time to Juan Diego and asked him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his cloak, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor and revealing the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of the cloak—the image that is now venerated in the Basilica of Guadalupe.

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
Family Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

Gospel of John 14:1–12 - In the Bible we are reminded 365 times not to be worried; “Let not your hearts be troubled.” Jesus promises if we ask anything of the Father in His name (if it is for our spiritual good) it will be granted. Jesus is in control; we must love Him and have faith.

Question of the Week:
♦ When is it difficult for you to trust Jesus?

Gospel Questions:
♦ Who do you know who is most like God? In what ways do you find yourself challenged by this person?
♦ What does Jesus ask of his followers?
♦ How does the Holy Spirit help you have faith in Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ Whom do you know who acts courageously to protect God’s Creation?
♦ How do you place your trust in your friends, family, and community?
♦ What ways does Jesus ask you to trust in him as one of his followers?

Family Prayer:
Jesus, we want to trust You in all things. Give us the courage to ask You for what we need. 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.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 6:1-7
♦ They chose leaders to care for the poor.

Background: It is made clear in the first reading from Acts of the Apostles, that the early Church had its conflicts. The widows were among the poor, for whom God had special concern, and for whom Israel was to be concerned. The concern of the early Christians for the Jewish widows in the community, and their apparent neglect of the Greek widows, gave rise to the conflict described in today's passage.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9
♦ Come to the Lord, a living stone.

Background: While the setting of today’s first reading was the daily life of the community gathered around the table, the second reading evokes the temple. The author of 1 Peter envisioned a new “temple” or place of worship. Christ Jesus is the cornerstone of this spiritual building and Christians, its building blocks.

Gospel: John 14:1-12
♦ If you know me, you know my father also.

Background: The author of today’s Gospel situated the words of Jesus, “I am the way”; in the context of the meal, Jesus shared with His disciples the night before He died. His words brought comfort in the face of impending distress. Jesus' words also gave the disciples direction for the days ahead.

Theme: Jesus, our cornerstone.

Question for Adults:
How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

Question for Youth:
Jesus is “the way, the truth, the life” and He asks us to do as He does. How do you try to follow Jesus’ way?

Question for Children:
What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if He were in your situation?

HUGS - A mom’s hug lasts long after she lets go.
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
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Mary George
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Erich Pavel
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Marc Alleruzzo
Jim Pippenger
Tim Rasplicka
Fr. Jim
Rachel Jaraisus
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales

MARY OUR MOTHER—What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear? (Saint Thérèse of Lisieux)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” — John 14:6

St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday from this week:
- May 7 - Ted Mlsna / Family
- May 10 - Ellen Voegtle / Antoinette Harrison
- Terri Napodano / Bett Danielson
- Paul Siele / Family
- Jenna Marie Keating / St. Irene

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9).

All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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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.

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