Jesus said,
“..."I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16–17
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.

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

We now have new tables in the ACL! The old round tables are available to anyone that may want them. Please contact 630-393-2400 x 110.

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
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 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 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 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

“Let us Walk with You”

The Office of Family Ministry is sponsoring an on-line/virtual Listening and Support Session for Families.

Deacon Jim Krueger and Dr. Valerie Maty from the Office of Family Ministry will facilitate the listening session to hear how families are doing at this time, to listen to their needs, and to offer support. They look forward to sharing the conversation with you very soon.

WHEN: May 19, 2020
TIME: 7:00PM- 8:00PM
WHERE: On-line/Virtual Session
(Virtual Invite/Link to follow upon Registration)
TOPIC: What’s on your MIND?
REGISTER at: https://bit.ly/2L9D53i

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.

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Stay tuned for Safari news soon!
**St. Irene Giving Report**

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**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2020 Pledge Report**

![Pledge Report Graph]

Thank you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815-838-8515.

**NEW TABLES FOR THE ACL**

The CCW was very excited to spearhead the ‘new table campaign.’ We dedicated the 2019 Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair profits to the purchase of new tables for the ACL but we couldn’t have done it alone!

In order to buy the very best tables that would continue to serve our parish celebrations for many years to come, we asked all the other parish organizations to help us, and help they did! We received monetary donations from the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, PACE, Parish Board, and Athletic Board as well as 3 private donors.

Thank you to all of the St. Irene Community Family for coming together to make this happen. Additionally, a special thank you to all the women who dedicated time to research the many options table companies have to offer. It was no simple feat. We can’t wait to be back together to celebrate in style!!

The old tables are looking for a new home!! Please call the Parish Office if interested.

**New Job Opportunity**

**Junior High Program Coordinator**

Outreach Community Ministries has an employment opportunity available at the Carol Stream location. The position is Junior High Program Coordinator which is a great fit for any individual with a passion for working with junior high students and experience with at-risk youth.

Interested candidates can contact Shalina Wozny at swozny@outreachcomm.org. Details and a path for resume submission can be found at https://www.outreachcommunityministries.org/employment/.

**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.

**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 recibarte 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 8:5-8, 14-17
♦ They prayed to receive the Holy Spirit.

Background: In today’s first reading, we discover how people come to hear and believe in Jesus. The people in Samaria believed in Jesus and were baptized. Peter and John came from Jerusalem to pray over the Samaritans and lay their hands on them — a prayerful gesture of intercession and blessing that is still part of the Church’s sacramental rituals.

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18
♦ Christ died for sins once for all.

Background: Today’s second reading, from the First Letter of Peter, speaks of how Christians are to live. The passage ends with a reference to the Resurrection. The risen Christ lives a new and glorious life that we who have been baptized in His name and sealed with the gift of the Spirit will also receive.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
♦ If you love Me, obey My commandments.

Background: Today’s Gospel is taken from Jesus’ farewell address to His disciples. The author of today’s Gospel emphasizes the union of Jesus with the Father and with believers. In Jesus, believers also stand in relationship with the Father. This relationship is made possible and real through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Theme: We have the spirit of truth to guide us.

Question for Adults:
Which one of the promises in today’s Gospel gives you the most hope?

Question for Youth:
Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Children:
Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: Hechos 8:5-8, 14-17
♦ Oraron para que recibieran al Espíritu Santo.

Antecedentes: En la primera lectura de hoy, descubriremos cómo las personas vienen a escuchar y creer en Jesús. Las personas en Samaria creyeron en Jesús y fueron bautizadas. Pedro y Juan vinieron de Jerusalén a rezar por los samaritanos poniendo las manos sobre ellos; un gesto en oración lleno de intercesión y bendición que aún es parte de los rituales sacramentales de la Iglesia.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 3:15-18
♦ Cristo murió por los pecados una sola vez.

Antecedentes: La segunda lectura de hoy, de la Primera Carta de Pedro, habla de cómo vivirán los cristianos. El pasaje termina con una referencia a la resurrección. El Cristo resucitado vive una vida nueva y gloriosa que los que hemos sido bautizados en su nombre y sellados con la gracia del Espíritu recibiremos también.

Evangelio: Juan 14:15-21
♦ Si me amáis guardaráis mis mandamientos.

Antecedentes: El Evangelio de hoy fue tomado de la despedida que dirigió Jesús a sus discípulos. El autor del Evangelio de hoy enfatiza la unión de Jesús con el Padre y los creyentes. En Jesús, los creyentes también tienen una relación con el Padre. Esta relación se hace posible y real mediante la gracia del Espíritu Santo.

Tema: Tenemos el espíritu de la verdad para guiarnos.

Pregunta Para Adultos:
¿Cuál de las promesas en el Evangelio de hoy le da más esperanza?

Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
A pesar de todas las demandas de la vida de los jóvenes, ¿qué estrategia usas para conservar el amor como una prioridad en tu vida?

Pregunta Para Niños:
Jesús promete ser nuestro amigo por siempre. ¿Cómo se tratan entre ellos los amigos?

Listen to the Word—What words or phrases in today’s readings touch your heart and mind? What feeling do you have after hearing the promises of Jesus?
Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

“Light of Belief”—Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.—Pope Saint John XXIII

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.

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

Sue Lambert
Colette Malovany
Sam Vitale
Pat Wehner
Mary George
Desiree Sheppard
Erich Pavel
Max Malesh

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.

Prayer for People Infected with COVID-19 or Facing Quarantine

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - stationed in Japan
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
Capt. Weston J. Umiano 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

We Hold in Prayer Those Who Serve Our Country.

St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday from this week:

- May 16 - Joe Gattone / 1st Anniversary
- May 17 - John Bivins / 1st Anniversary
- Joseph Gattone / Mary Mickel
- Fr. Peter Jarosz / St. Irene Family

The Reason for Our Hope

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God.

We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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