Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 7, 2020
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BAPTISMS: Dates for Baptism will be arranged after attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. Please call Annette in the Parish Office for information.

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Today we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. Three Persons in one God. A great symbol of the things that can get done when we work as a team, This is the greatest team of all. The Father created the world we live in, The Son redeemed us and the Holy Spirit sanctifies us every day.

We are truly blessed to be able to have this team working for and with us. To show our appreciation we need to unite with one another and serve the needs of all. The needs are many. Food for the hungry, support for the sick or lonely, and just a smile on my face to bring joy to a stranger. How will you help and support the team led by Jesus Christ?

Blessings to you and your family.

Schedule Updates

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

As you know, we are working on reopening our church. We need volunteers that are not in the vulnerable population to be able to accomplish the certification and to support the tasks that Bishop Pates requires us to keep our church open. If you are able, please contact us at the Parish Office 630-393-2400 x110 or parishoffice@st-irene.org.

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

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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.

Adult Formation Event—Online Scripture Study
Exploring the Sunday Readings

Please join the discussion of the Sunday reading on Friday afternoons at 1:00pm
June 5, 12, 19, and 26. Register by emailing Annette@st-irene.org with your name and phone number. The zoom link will then be forwarded to you.

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879) - April 16

With Immaculate Mary’s “Ave Maria” for its refrain, Andy Williams’ “Village of Saint Bernadette” peaked at #7 on Billboard’s Top 40 at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a “beautiful lady” who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her “beautiful lady” pointed out to her. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-second Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the Parish Office by June 9 so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.
Congratulations Class of 2020!!!

Read, Play and Pray each day!
Have a great summer vacation!
Join us in the Fall!

School Office hours vary in the summer. Please call 630-393-9300 x136.

Our Lady’s Wardrobe

In Guadalupe, Mexico, her dress was tinted red. A turquoise veil with yellow stars flowed down from Mary’s head.

—Our Lady’s Wardrobe by Anthony De Stefano

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@outreachcommunityministries.org. Details and a path for resume submission can be found at https://www.outreachcommunityministries.org/employment/.

Answers to last weekend’s “Guess the Movie” Puzzle:
1. Prince of Egypt
2. A Charlie Brown Christmas
3. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Did you get them all?

Register for Summer VIRTUAL VBS

This V, VBS will be all you need for summer. In a world with so much uncertainty, Empowering Courageous Kids reminds us that Jesus’ power calms fear and worry, brings hope, takes action and lives within us.

You will receive a weekly e-mail with a link to a 20 minute video to be done at home to engage your children on a journey to becoming Courageous Kids!

E-mail rosario@st-irene.org by Friday, June 12th to register your interest in receiving this program in your inbox each week for 8 weeks. VVBS begins the week of June 15th and ends August 3rd. This program is available in English and Spanish. Join us!
Reflecting on God’s Word

Can you remember a time when you heard an a cappella choir sing in perfect harmony? Perhaps you have sung in a choir like that. The many voices blend into one voice, the many parts into unified chords, the many notes into a single song. If we can imagine that harmony for an instant, we might hear an echo of the perfect harmony uniting our one God. The three-part harmony in God sings a single song of love. It sings of the merciful, faithful love of the Father who nurtures and protects this weak, beloved human family. It sings of the self-giving love of Jesus that liberates us from slavishly repeating our sins. It sings of the unifying love of the Holy Spirit that binds us together in love and unity and peace.

As we imagine that harmonious hymn of praise, we might also hear a summons to live in the harmony that the Holy Spirit empowers in us. Our God’s love is so powerful that it resounds in the Christian community and invites the whole world to sing along in the never-ending hymn of love.

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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.

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: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
♦ A merciful and gracious God.

Background: The event described in today's reading from Exodus happened just after Israel broke the covenant by making an image of God as the golden calf. As the reading opens, God's renewal of the broken covenant is symbolized by new stone tablets containing the Law. Then God stood before Moses and pronounced the Divine name. A name that means not only that God is but also that God is actively present.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
♦ Brothers and sisters, mend your ways.

Background: The second reading concludes Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. It is an exhortation on the virtues of the Christian life: conversion, mutual encouragement, harmony, and peace. These virtues live in the Christian community through the gift of God's presence.

Gospel: John 3:16-18
♦ God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

Background: Today's Gospel passage tells us how deep God's love is. The statement about God's love was inserted into the middle of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus concerning the new birth that leads to eternal life. According to John's Gospel, belief in Jesus is salvation.

Theme: The mystery of the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Question for Adults:
If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a “community of love,” which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.

Question for Youth:
The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Children:
When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 34:4-6, 8-9
♦ Un Dios compasivo y clemente.

Antecedentes: El evento descrito en la lectura de hoy del Éxodo sucedió justo después de que Israel rompió el convenio haciendo una imagen de un ternero dorado como su Dios. Como inició la lectura, el símbolo de la renovación del convenio roto con Dios son unas nuevas tablas conteniendo la ley. Luego Dios se paró frente a Moisés y pronunció el nombre Divino. Un nombre que significa no solo que Dios existe pero también que Dios está presente.

Segunda Lectura: 2 Corintios 13:11-13
♦ Hermanos y hermanas, enmienden su vida.

Antecedentes: La segunda lectura concluye la Segunda Carta de Pablo a los corintios. Es una exhortación a las virtudes de la vida cristiana: conversión, animarse mutuamente, armonía y paz. Estar virtudes viven en la comunidad cristiana a través del don de la presencia de Dios.

Evangelio: Juan 3:16-18
♦ Amó tanto Dios al mundo, que dio a su hijo unigénito.

Antecedentes: El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos dice qué tan profundo es el amor de Dios. La declaración sobre el amor de Dios fue insertada en medio de la conversación de Jesús con Nicodemo concerniente al nuevo nacimiento que lleva a la vida eterna. De acuerdo al Evangelio de Juan, creer en Jesús es la salvación.

Tema: El misterio de la Trinidad, el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.

Pregunta Para Adultos:
Si usted animara a los miembros de su propia parroquia a vivir como una “comunidad de amor”, que es como definimos a la Trinidad, ¿cómo les aconsejaría vivir? Use la lista de San Pablo de las exhortaciones como su punto de inicio.

Pregunta Para Jóvenes:
Al crecer como un joven, ¿cómo te asegurarías de implantar las características de una comunidad amorosa a tus relaciones?

Pregunta Para Niños:
Cuando las personas se aman entre ellas, ¿cómo se tratan?
Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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.

HOLY TRINITY
The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection.
O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.
—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday and from this week:
- June 5 - Violet Kubal / Kubal Family
- June 7 - Pat Guerrieri / Vicki Kloehn

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven’t we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven’t we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger.

How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don’t even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God’s forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God’s favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ’s grace on us along with God’s love and the Holy Spirit’s. “Rejoice,” he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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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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