What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Matthew 10:27
A Novena Prayer

A novena is a form of Catholic prayer that you can do over 9 days or 9 hours. If you decide to pray a novena, you’ll recite a specific prayer or series of prayers with an intention in mind. The novena can be a spiritually enriching prayer experience and is commonly used within the Catholic Church. There is no single “right” way to pray a novena. Let your heart be your guide.

Good and gracious God,
You have always been present to your Church of Saint Irene, giving it a Shepherd’s care.

Our Church has been blessed again and again with generous, wise, and loving pastors and priests.

We come once again in need of a shepherd.

As we await Father Clive Otieno to be our new pastor on July 1, 2020,
send your Spirit to guide and direct our prayers, so that he will be a shepherd with a heart like Your Son.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Schedule Updates

Sunday Masses

Sunday Masses will not be live streamed at 10:00am on June 21 nor June 28 from St. Irene. There is a live streamed mass available at St. Raymond for the Diocese of Joliet at - https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL

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

Contributions can be mailed to:
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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.
Diocese of Joliet Priests’ Retirement Fund Father’s Day Collection - Words from Bishop Pates

As many of you know, the annual collection for the Diocese of Joliet Priests’ Retirement Fund will take place on June 20-21, 2020. The “Fathers’ Day Collection” was started several years ago in this diocese to help support the needs of senior and retired priests, as well as those who suffer serious illness and are in need of extended care. In addition, this collection helps defray the costs of the St. John Vianney Villa in Naperville, where several of our retired priests presently live.

At a time when our parishes are beginning to emerge from the extended period of quarantine to slow the spread of the coronavirus, I am mindful of the continued need for the generosity of our parishioners to causes like this fund.

It is our intention that the collection proceed on this weekend for our retired priests. I continue to be impressed with the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Joliet, and the great work of our parish priests, deacons and lay staff, both happening in the midst of a pandemic!

With my continued thanks, I remain, sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Joliet

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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.
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.

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.

Summer VIRTUAL VBS

This Virtual 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 to register your interest in receiving this program in your inbox each week. V-VBS ends August 3rd. This program is available in English and Spanish. Don't miss out, join us!

New Job Opportunities
- Community Youth Worker
- Junior High Teacher
- Youth & Family Therapist

Outreach Community Ministries has employment opportunities available in Warrenville and Wheaton.

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/.

Jesus was meeting with His disciples. What did He say to them?

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I : Jeremiah 20: 10-13
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.
♦ Today’s passage comes from the middle of Jeremiah’s prayer and it is the most graphic description of this prophet’s struggle.
♦ Jeremiah complains bitterly to God about the cost of his prophetic call.
♦ Like most biblical laments, Jeremiah’s complaint is interwoven with expressions of trust in God.

Reading II : Romans 5:12-15
God’s gift to us is nothing like our sin against Him.
♦ In the Letter to the Romans, Paul compares Adam, the first human, to Jesus, the firstborn of the new creation.
♦ Death is the result of sin; sin separates us from God who is the source of life.
♦ Jesus was completely obedient to God, and He therefore became the perfect channel of life for all humans.

Gospel : Matthew 10:26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.
♦ Today’s passage from Matthew’s Gospel is part of the missionary discourse that follows the sending out of the Twelve.
♦ Jesus reminds the disciples of the great and powerful care of the Father.
♦ Using the typical argument of the lesser to the greater, Jesus stresses that not even a sparrow dies without God’s consent.

Theme: There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that He will remember us to his Father if we proclaim Him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don’t know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 20:10-13
El Señor está conmigo.
♦ El pasaje de hoy viene de las oraciones de Jeremías y es la descripción más gráfica de la lucha interna del profeta.
♦ Jeremías se queja amargamente con Dios del costo de su actividad profética.
♦ Como la mayoría de los lamentos bíblicos, Jeremías se queja pero entreteje expresiones de confianza en Dios.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5:12-15
La gracia de Dios abunda para todos.
♦ En la Carta a los Romanos, Pablo compara a Adán, el primer ser humano, con Jesús, el primogénito de la nueva creación.
♦ La muerte es el resultado del pecado; el pecado nos separa de Dios quien es fuente de vida.
♦ Jesús fue completamente obediente con Dios, y por lo tanto él se convirtió en el canal perfecto de vida para todos los humanos.

Evangelio: Mateo 10:26-33
No temáis.
♦ El pasaje de hoy del Evangelio de Mateo es parte del discurso misionario que sigue al envío de los Doce.
♦ Jesús les recuerda a sus discípulos de la gran y poderosa bondad del Padre.
♦ Usando el argumento típico del menos al más, Jesús refuerza que no siquiera una golondrina muere sin el consentimiento de Dios.

Tema: No hay nada que temer si estamos cerca de Jesús.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué señales te envía Dios para asegurarte que tienes su amor?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús nos dice que nos recordará ante su padre si lo proclamamos ante los demás. ¿Con qué facilidad hablas acerca de tu fe con tus amigos? ¿Y con tus familiares o con personas que no conozcs bien?

Pregunta para los adultos: Hable sobre las formas en las que ha aprendido a confiar en la mano de Dios en su vida, formas en las que ha reemplazado el temor con la confianza.
**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday - Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

**Wednesday - Day:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**St. Irene Intentions for this Sunday and from this week:**
- June 19 - Pat Stiadla / Hatch Family
- June 20 - Craig Farmer / Mom & Dad
- June 21 - Salvatore Alleruzzo / J&M Kratochvil
  - Barbara Seaberg / Carl Seaberg
  - Pat Guerrieri / Vicki Kloehn
  - Leo Herbst / Family

**ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR**

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don’t show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today’s reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul’s fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion.

Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage’s early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined. What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event?

When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

**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.

**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.

**FATHERHOOD**

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

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

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Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for He has rescued the life of the poor.  
— Jeremiah 20:13
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