We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

Romans 6:9
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.

Staff Directory

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PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. James Antiporek
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Sunday Masses

Sunday Mass will not be live streamed from St. Irene on June 28. 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, who are not in the vulnerable population, to be able to support the tasks that Bishop Pates requires of us to keep our church open. If you are able to help us, 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

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.
School Supply Collection: 2020

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies for the needy children of our community. This year we have been assigned 50 students in second grades. School supply list:

- Gift cards and Cash donations will also be accepted
- 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- Pre-sharpened Ticonderoga wood pencils
- Pink pearl erasers
- Fiskar Scissors
- Elmer's glue
- Glue sticks
- 8 Count Washable Broad Tip Markers
- Composition Notebooks
- Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled (70 count)
- Vinyl pocket folders – 2 red, 1 yellow, 1 orange, 1 blue, 1 purple, 1 green
- Pencil Box
- 1-inch thick flexible binder (polycarbonate)

Gift cards, cash, or supplies may be dropped off by **Sunday, July 26th**. Drop off location Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 3:00pm Parish Center.

Thank you for your generosity.

Making Hope Real: A Live Virtual Retreat
Presented by Becky Eldredge and Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House

With the reality of what we are facing in our lives, what others are facing around us, and what our world is facing together, how can we continue to have hope? The Good News is that hope is infused in us by God alone. Hope does not mean being naive or ignorant about what is happening in the world around us. It is not mere optimism. Hope invites us to see it all, as God does, and not get locked into the darkness. In this live virtual retreat, Becky Eldredge, spiritual director and author of *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* and *The Inner Chapel*, shows you how to make hope real, even when this season of life feels anything but hopeful. Two dates are available: **Tuesday, June 30 evening retreat (6:30-9:30pm)** and **Wednesday, July 1 morning retreat (9:00am-Noon)** presented live via Zoom. The retreat will include three talks, guided prayer reflections, silent prayer time (on your own), and electronic materials to support your prayer.

Register at [www.jesuitretreat.org](http://www.jesuitretreat.org).

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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.
Give It Away

John the Baptist is considered the opening act for Jesus, the forerunner and the one who prepared people to receive the message of Jesus. A better spokesperson could not be found. John’s noble counsel that we share our extra coat and food with those who need them holds true today, ever more in these difficult times when we have learned the imperative need to care for one another. Head to the closet—what can you give away?

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.

Peter’s Pence Collection for Holy Father Apostolic Nunciature

This weekend is Peter’s Pence collection. Your generosity helps the Holy Father:

- Continue his pastoral care for the Church
- Share the gospel message throughout the world
- Assist victims of disaster

Thank you for your generous donation.

Finding Peace

If you want peace, work for justice.
—Pope Paul VI

The Cross and Hope

The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.
—Pope St. Leo I

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2020 Pledge Report

Please Be Kind and Merciful to those in need. A mailing has been sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow.

The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times.

Our parish goal is $66,200. The amount pledged is $61,521 and to date we have received $48,619. Thank you for your support.

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

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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.
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.

Honor Roll: These students have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or better in the second semester and made the “A” honor roll. Those who achieved a GPA between 3.0 and 3.99, made the “B” honor roll.

“A” Honor Roll
Michael Brdecka
Emma Fladeland
John Gerdeman
Clare Kolker
Julian Pointner
William Ricamato
Chase Riggs
Elen Ryson
Rachel Schmitz

“B” Honor Roll
Sophia Brdecka
Tara Hurley
Thomas Kolker
Katherine McGowan
Carter Riggs
Benjamin Sanchez
Tyler Schmitz
Hannah Shaw
Dominic Spiotta

IHSA Vocal & Ensemble Contest: St. Francis earned 1st place at the IHSA Class A Vocal Solo & Ensemble contest this year! The IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest was Saturday, March 7, 2020 at various sites around the state:

Superior Rating in a Vocal Ensemble or Choir:
Katherine McGowan
Carter Riggs

Superior Rating in a Vocal Solo:
Katherine McGowan
Carter Riggs

Students of the Month: Students of the Month are recognized by teachers for being progressive, impressive, and/or expressive in academic classes.

January
Michael Brdecka
Dominic Spiotta

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

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/.

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!
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Elisha is a holy man of God, let him remain.
♦ A Shunemite woman recognizes Elisha as a holy man of God and she urged him to dine with her.
♦ Elisha promises the Shunemite woman that she will give birth to a son as a reward for her generous hospitality.
♦ The Shunemite woman shows us how to receive both a prophet and the prophetic word, with openness and an eager welcome.

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Buried with Christ in baptism, we shall walk in the newness of life.
♦ We who were baptized into Christ have been baptized into Christ’s Death.
♦ We no longer need to fear death.
♦ Sin and death no longer hold any power over us. We are to live for God!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you, receives me.
♦ Jesus explains the demands of discipleship.
♦ Those who welcome disciples welcome Jesus Himself. They will be rewarded.
♦ Disciples are also included among the “little ones.” Those who welcome them will also be rewarded.

Theme: Jesus asks His disciples to take their cross and follow Him.

- **Question for Children:** How can you live as a follower of Jesus?
- **Question for Youth:** What does Jesus demand of His followers?
- **Question for Adults:** What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?

Catequesis Parroquial Entera
Lecturas y Preguntas Para Compartir la Fe

Primera Lectura: 2 Reyes 4, 8-11. 14-16a

Eliseo es un santo hombre de Dios; hay que recibirlo.
♦ Una mujer rica de Sunam sabe que Eliseo es un santo hombre de Dios y lo invita para que se quede a comer en su casa.
♦ Eliseo promete a la Sunamita que el año siguiente tendrá un hijo, como compensación por su hospitalidad.
♦ La Sunamita nos muestra cómo recibir tanto a un profeta como una palabra profética con expectativa y entusiasmo.

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 6, 3-4. 8-11

Como fuimos bautizados en Cristo, debemos vivir una vida nueva para Dios.
♦ Todos nosotros, al ser bautizados en Cristo, fuimos sumergidos en su muerte.
♦ Nunca más debemos temer a la muerte.
♦ El pecado y la muerte no tienen poder sobre nosotros. ¡Ahora vivimos para Dios!

Evangelio: Mateo 10, 37-42

El que no carga su cruz, no es digno de mí. El que los recibe a ustedes, a mí me recibe.
♦ Jesús nos explica los requisitos del discipulado.
♦ El que recibe a sus discípulos, recibe a Cristo y obtendrá su recompensa.
♦ Los “niños pequeños” también son discípulos de Cristo. Quienes los reciben, también obtendrán su recompensa.

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 conoces 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.
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
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

FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.—Abraham Lincoln

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. — Romans 6:11

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it’s difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

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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 Virginia
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
Capt. Weston J. Umano 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
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You are all invited to join Cardinal Farrell, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet and our Parish Pastor, Fr. Paul, for the celebration of our 90th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 19, 2019. The Mass will begin at 10:30 am in the Church and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

Some of our favorite people are already enjoying the Many Reasons Why Advertise In Your Parish Bulletin:

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