Jesus said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:19
Staff Directory

PARISH CENTER: 28W441 Warrenville Rd.
Warrenville, IL 60555

PHONE: 630.393.2400
FAX: 630.393.9680
WEB: www.st-irene.org
E-MAIL: parishoffice@st-irene.org

PASTOR: Rev. James Antiporek x 113
DEACONS: Brad Hentz - brad@st-irene.org
          Bill Murphy - murphy807@aol.com
          Joe Urso x 130 - joe@st-irene.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Annette Kubalanza x 122
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Ryan Matthew Rump x 118
BUSINESS MANAGER: Richard Kaffka x 114
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Pat Jackowiak x 110
          Shari Meyers x 110

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
1-6 GRADE COORDINATOR: Jacqueline Skelly x 121
7th & 8th GRADE COORDINATOR: Pamela Keating x 120

SCHOOL: 3S601 Warren Avenue
PHONE: 630.393.9303
FAX: 630.393.7009
WEB: www.st-ireneschool.org

PRINCIPAL: Maggie Detwiler x 136
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Julie Duquette x 116

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

BAPTISMS: Dates for Baptism will be arranged after attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. 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 and Ministers of Care will visit the sick or shut-in.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:20-4:40PM in the Reconciliation Room.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. Call 630.393.2400 x 112.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass.

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 at joe.urso@outlook.com.

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflecting on God’s Word

All of us wish we could be holy, we say, if only Jesus would come and do to the temple of our faith what He did to the temple of Israel’s faith: cast out what doesn’t belong, because we don’t seem to be able to do it for ourselves, at least not with much effectiveness. We try to pray and find ourselves daydreaming about what to make for supper, about the latest family argument, about the meeting we’re going to attend, about where we’re going to spend our money.

We try to simplify, but we also like our lives the way they are. We like the cut of style, the thick of our lawn, the escape of vacation, the high from shopping or chocolate or daytime soaps or whatever catches our fancy. We wish we would love better, care better, have more compassion or patience, be more generous, but original sin always gets in the way—only we don’t call it original sin. We say we don’t have willpower or the energy.

So what are we to do? John’s Gospel promises that God will come and drive such stuff from our lives. In fact, the promise is that God will do it whether we wish God to or not, which is probably a good move on God’s part simply because most of us are a bit fearful of what God may clear away.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

LIVING GOD’S WORD: As much as we may want the temples of our lives cleared, we also like much of what takes up our lives. Still, God does come and does clear our temples in unsuspecting ways. Children grow up; friendships melt into memories. What is God asking us to clear away today?

Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

The KC-6710, Lyons Club and VFW Post 8081 are sponsoring a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, March 10th from 7-11:30AM in the ACL. There will be a full breakfast. Photo ID is required.

For information, call Joe at 630.876.1136.

Walk-ins Are Welcome!

If you can not make it go to the nearest regional center and give them our number 102267 and we will get credit.

Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
Our Lenten Cross of Mercy

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.” John 3:16

As we return to God with our whole heart this Lent we journey with Jesus and His Cross of Mercy. St. John Paul II wrote that Mercy is love’s second name. He taught that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. Mercy is love’s result and extension. Jesus is Divine Mercy. He loved the sinful world enough to suffer and die for our redemption. The cross is our visual reminder of His great mercy. The virtue of mercy flows from love of neighbor. It is that virtue that leads us to help a person suffering from want or despair.

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. This year our parish will focus on the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy. Our Mercy Cross, located in the baptismal font, is the symbol of our desire to fulfill the promises of our baptism, promises that we will renew on Easter.

As we embrace our need for God’s mercy and unconditional love we recognize our need to share His mercy and love through our words and deeds. All are invited to practice the works of mercy during the 40 days of Lent. Each time you perform one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy you are invited to attach a tag to one of the nails on the cross.

When we enter the church, throughout Lent, the cross will be a constant reminder of God’s great fountain of mercy for us. And how His mercy flows through us into the world.

♦ Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor

♦ Spiritual Works of Mercy: instruct the unbelieving, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, forgive offences willingly, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and the dead and bear wrongs patiently

Lenten Penance Service - Join your Parish family for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 15th at 7PM.

The Stations of the Cross are a popular devotion among Catholics. Through prayer, we reflect in following Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary and we honor the passion of Jesus. St. Irene offers Stations of the Cross each Friday night at 7PM during Lent. Immediately following the Stations there is a “Soup Supper” in the ACL. Please follow the Cross during Lent - follow Jesus in His passion and see yourself mirrored in Him.

Are you interested in making your favorite soup, or trying a new recipe? Please contact Pam Moseley at Pjm9923@yahoo.com.

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod’s temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician’s dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to “depart from error” and declare that “Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God.” In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitled the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17
♦ Keep my commandments.

Background: In every covenant, there are laws, duties, and responsibilities that must be followed. The Ten Commandments express the central law of the covenant made on Mt. Sinai. They outline the characteristic relationships with God and with neighbor.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
♦ Christ is the power of God.

Background: Signs are an important part of Israel’s theology, as Paul notes in today’s passage. In Israel’s life, signs always convey the message of the presence and power of God. For those who can see, Christ is the ultimate sign of the presence and power of God.

Gospel: John 2:13-25
♦ In three days, I will raise it up.

Background: For Israel the temple is a sign of the presence of God. Jesus cleanses the sign because it is no longer conveying the message. Another message is added, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus transfers the sign of God’s presence from the temple to His own body, raised from death.

Theme: WE must do what God wants.

Question for Adults:
As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

Question for Youth:
Jesus was angry - as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Question for Children:
Share one way in which you “honor your father and mother.”

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us on Thursdays 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.

The Road to Redemption
Join us for The Road to Redemption, a study of the Sunday readings for Lent. Lent is an intense time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the entire Church. Fr. Mitch Pacwa is our presenter via DVD.
We will meet on the following Wednesday afternoons from 1-2:30PM in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center: March 7, 14, 21.

Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry
Please remember us for our upcoming Easter needs of hams, cereal, macaroni & cheese, soup, tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, yams, cake mix, frosting, jello, pancake mix & syrup.
Bring Easter Hams to the Parish Center by Friday, March 23rd. The loving spirit of the St. Irene Community is shown through our generosity to the poor.

Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 18th!
Join us after the 10AM Mass around Fr. Jim’s Rectory and the School! This event is for ages up to 10 but all are welcome to watch, and then enjoy our monthly Hospitality in the ACL for the Birthday/Anniversary Mass! The Easter Bunny will be there! Please bring a basket or bag for egg collecting!

Hope to see your family there!

Dear St. Irene,
On behalf of all IYC Warrenville Youth, we would like to express our sincere appreciation of all your efforts and generosity this holiday season! We recognize that this is usually a time when people take a break from volunteer commitments to spend these moments with family and friends - but not you! You continued to share your valuable time with our youth and we are blessed to have such kind and compassionate people volunteer with us. Our young men and women have an especially rough time being here during the winter holidays, but you truly made the occasions wonderful for them. Your generous gifts and special activities made their Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s memorable.
Thank you so much for all that you do. You are genuinely appreciated!
Sincerely, Eric Drockrell - Volunteer Coordinator
St. Irene Seniors’ LunchBunch Ministry

St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon

Thursday March 8th, 2018
Lower Activity Center (ACL) 11:30AM– 2PM
We will eat promptly at 11:45AM
Catered by: Hawthorne’s Backyard Grill - Corned Beef/Cabbage/Irish Potatoes/Dark Rye/ Horseradish/Fried Chicken (for those of you who don’t like corned beef)/ Steamed Vegetables 
Dessert/hot and cold drinks

Speaker: Sen. Michael Connelly - State Senator Michael Connelly has served as a member of the Illinois Senate since 2013. He previously served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 2009 to 2012. His District is located in DuPage and Will Counties and includes Naperville, Lisle, Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield, Carol Stream, West Chicago and Bloomingdale.

Topic: An update on our State Government – don’t worry; it will be nonpartisan. Bring your questions and concerns.

THIS IS A RSVP EVENT!
TO: anna@saake.net or 630.456.0644
LET ME KNOW IF YOU PREFER CORNED BEEF OR CHICKEN PLEASE!
Cost: $12

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday Bulletin:</th>
<th>Deadline is 8AM on:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>March 25</td>
<td>Wednesday, March 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 1</td>
<td>Wednesday, March 21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>Friday, March 23</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.

BUNCO - April 21st

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary are once again hosting a fun filled evening of BUNCO in the ACL starting at 7PM. All proceeds will be donated to The Bridge Community. Admission is $20 in advance or $25 at the door. Food, dessert, and beverages will be provided; you can bring your alcoholic beverage if you like. Come join us in some fun and help a great cause at the same time. Please contact Missy Kemp at missyree2004@yahoo.com, or mail your payment to her at 2S450 Center Ave., Warrenville, IL 60555. Mark your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Diocesan Scout Recognitions Ceremony

Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 7 from 10AM-12:30PM (registration begins at 9AM) at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page and from there scroll down to the section for the ‘Annual Recognitions Mass.’

THANK YOU for another successful CHILI COOK-OFF!

Thank You to all Contestants, Donors, Volunteers and Attendees! The 29th Annual St. Irene Chili Cook-Off was a success because of all of YOU! We truly appreciate everybody's participation! It was a very fun and exciting evening!

Although all of this year's contestants deserved an award, this year's WINNERS were:

**BEST CHILI (People's Choice)**
1st Place - Deer-licious (Carl Lankenau & friends)
2nd Place - LNC (Phil Mrzlak, Adam Potter & friends)
3rd Place - Pirates of the Chili Bean (Liz Pittman, Barb Olson & Mary Cruse)

**BEST CHILI (Judge's Choice)**
1st Place - Shamrockin' Chili (Sally Haas)
2nd Place - The Good Stuff (Michael Steder & friends)
3rd Place - Beans & Jeans (Erika Mrzlak & friends)

**BEST BOOTH**
1st Place - Pirates of the Chili Bean (Liz Pittman, Barb Olson & Mary Cruse)
2nd Place - Shamrockin' Chili (Sally Haas)
3rd Place - Just Faith Group

**HOTTEST CHILI**
1st Place - Hell's Fire Chili (Two Brothers Brewing)
2nd Place - LNC (Phil Mrzlak, Adam Potter & friends)
3rd Place - Underground Chili (Freddy Alfaro)

**BEST ROOKIE CHILI**
Pirates of the Chili Bean (Liz Pittman, Barb Olson & Mary Cruse)

**WINNER OF THE 50/50 CASH RAFFLE** - Jim Grzetich - Jim won $2040!

Congratulations to all our winners!
~ St. Irene School and Athletic Board
### This Week’s Meetings

#### Sunday, March 4
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep (S)
- 11:15a-12:15p - Special Sacrament Group (S)

#### Monday, March 5
- 1-2:30p - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)
- 5-6:30p - Basketball Practice (ACU)
- 7-8:30p - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)

#### Tuesday, March 6
- 3-5p - Basketball Practice (ACU)
- 6-8p - First Reconciliation Hospitality (ACL)

#### Wednesday, March 7
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 1-2:30p - Lenten Scripture Series (HF)
- 5:30-6:30p - Kids Choir (C)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High RE (C, S, HF, SF, AC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

#### Thursday, March 8
- 11:30a-2p - Seniors & Friends (ACL)
- 5-6:30p - Basketball Practice (ACU)
- 6-10p - First Reconciliation Hospitality (ACL)

#### Friday, March 9
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 7-7:30p - Stations of the Cross (C)
- 7:30-9p - Soup Supper (ACL)

#### Saturday, March 10
- 7-11:30a - Blood Drive (ACL)

#### Sunday, March 11
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-3p - Confirmation Retreat (AC, C, S)

---

**Volunteers needed for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

Phone 630.393.2400 x 122 if you can help with the following:

- **Apostles:** 12 people needed. Fr. Jim will wash your feet. You will then wash the feet of the people in the assembly. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, March 27th at 7PM.

- **Bowl/Pitcher bearers:** 12 people needed to carry the bowl/pitcher for the apostles. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, March 27th at 7PM.

- **Disciples:** You will be seated in the assembly and have your feet washed by one of the 12. No rehearsal is required but you will need to arrive 20-30 minutes early, with a towel, to get your seating assignment.

- **Banner bearers:** 3 people are needed for Holy Thursday. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, March 27th at 7PM.

- **Oil bearers:** 3 people are needed to carry in the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, March 27th at 7PM.

- **Candle bearers:** 4 people are needed to carry candles for the enthronement of the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, March 27th at 7PM.

---

**Lenten Regulations**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

---

**encounter Safiata**

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.
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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, March 5
Lenten Weekday
7:00AM - For the Healing of Our Friends & Family

Tuesday, March 6
Lenten Weekday
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family
7:00PM - First Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 7
Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
7:00AM - Allan Harris/ Cathy Kott

Thursday, March 8
St. John of God
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 9
St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence
8:15AM - Rick Lovelace/ St. Irene Class of 2006
Martin Patton/ Friends

Saturday, March 10
Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent
5:00PM - Joan Barth/ Family
Kathy Ulanowski/ Family
10:00AM - Junior High Rite of Acceptance
2nd Scrutiny
Lee Mickel/ Family
Bob Geary in Remembrance of his Birthday

Sunday, March 11
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00AM - Sr. Rosie Eck/ Friends
10:00AM - Senior High Rite of Acceptance
2nd Scrutiny
Lee Mickel/ Family
Bob Geary in Remembrance of his Birthday

We Pray for Those Who Serve Our Country
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM
1st Lt. Keegan Loehnery USMC - Camp Pendelton
Lance Cpl. Quin Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendelton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
T Sgt. Daniel Geinosky - Serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - Stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Stationed at Okinawa
Capt. Patrick Looby - Eglin AFB, FL
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
Sgt. Thomas Raspliska - Fort Bliss, Texas

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.
Anonymous