Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8
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.

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Shari Meyers x 110
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LIVING GOD'S WORD: “Christ is risen!” was once a common greeting on Easter morning. The expected reply, “Risen indeed!” communicated the conviction of an eyewitness. Have you been an eyewitness to the Resurrection? Have you given your account so that others might believe?

—Virginia Stillwell

St. Irene LunchBunch Ministry
Lunch with St. Irene Class of 2018
Thursday, April 12th
11:30AM-2PM in the ACL
Pizza/salad/desserts/beverages
Cost: $10 per person

Join us as we invite the St. Irene 8th grade class for food, fellowship and fun! The students will engage us in a game for all to participate. RSVP to Anna Saake at 630.456.0644 (text or call) or email her at anna@saake.net by April 9th!
The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. "Neophyte," our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means "newly-planted" in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43
♦ After Jesus was raised from the dead, we ate and drank with Him.

Background: In the first reading, Peter’s speech is a typical recital of the essential preaching about Christ. Peter and all the disciples are commissioned to bear witness to the good news. Those who received their commission form the Risen Lord were eyewitnesses of His glory.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4
♦ You have died!

Background: Paul uses the image of yeast to remind the Corinthian community that one person’s evil influence can harm the whole community. The image of unleavened bread is used to expose our need to purify ourselves. In the context of the Easter celebration, we are reminded to renew our Baptism.

Gospel: John 20:1-9
♦ Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.

Background: In the Gospel of John, Mary runs to tell Peter and John about the empty tomb. John is the first to arrive at the tomb which shows his special position as the beloved disciple. Upon entering the empty tomb, John makes his profession of faith, “he saw and believed.”

Theme: Jesus has risen!

Question for Adults:
In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?

Question for Youth:
Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus’ Resurrection - it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

Question for Children:
What sacrifices do you make for those you love?

BUNCO - April 21st

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary is 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 own 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!

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 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.

Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land

Due to the lack of tourism and the instability of the political situation in the Holy Land, the Christian community is suffering financially. The Christian community needs your help by purchasing their products in order to maintain their presence in the Land of Christ.

Please stop by the beautiful olive wood items from the Holy Land and try to purchase an item or two. Proceeds go to benefit the Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land.

Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops, and diocese of Jerusalem. Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts April 7th & 8th.

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd at 8:30AM.
The Prayer Shawl Ministry
This ministry makes and distributes shawls for people in need of comfort. Many blessings are prayed into each shawl before it is given. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted, affirmed, and their days made brighter by knowing they are being remembered and prayed for. For more information about receiving a shawl, or to help knit/crochet shawls, please contact Paula Peterson at 630.393.3989 or paula.lp.peterson@gmail.com.

Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 7PM in the Parish Center.

If you or someone you know would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Paula Peterson at 630.319.3998 or Rainbow1085@yahoo.com.

4th Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless
Challenge yourself in a 30-minute walk/run up and down 150 foot Mt. Hoy at Blackwell Forest Preserve. How many trips can you do? 3? 4? More? 100% of proceeds go to house a homeless family for 2 years as they are transitioned to self-sufficiency. Tech shirt, water and snacks are provided to all participants. Registration is open on Active.com. Search Hustle up the Hill. This event is on Sunday, May 20th with heats at 9AM and 10AM.

St. Irene Rosary Group
The St. Irene Rosary Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the ACL from 7-8PM then followed by fellowship. Please plan on joining us on April 19th and bring a friend.
For more information, please call Jeanette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive
Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be in the back of the church until May 1st.
Questions may be directed to Joseph Kubal at 630.983.6159 or jdrk4715@aol.com.

Happenings at St. Irene

Children’s Liturgy of the Word - This introduces children Kindergarten through 5th Grade to the liturgy in an age-appropriate way, weekly during the school year at 10AM Mass.

Small Christian Communities - These groups gather periodically in homes to read and discuss the scriptures in light of their experiences and to respond in Christian service. For more information, call Dwight Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.

Ministry of Care - Ministers of Care are available to visit the sick and the homebound. Please phone 630.393.2400 x 122 if you or a loved one would like a minister to visit.

Healing Horizons - This is a parish support group where people help people through the difficult experience of loss through death, divorce, or separation. For information, call 630.393.2400 x 122.

St. Irene School - We offer a stellar Catholic education from preschool through eighth grade. Contact Principal Maggie Detwiler at 630.393.9303 x 136 for information.

Religious Education - We encourage a lifelong learning approach to religious education and faith formation. Our programs offer comprehensive preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. For more information, please call Jacqueline Skelly (Grades PS-6) at 630.393.2400 x 121 or Pamela Keating (Grades 7-12) at x 120.

St. Irene Food Pantry - Our Food Pantry services ALL Warrenville residents. Food is ready for pick up on Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. For information, call 630.393.2400 x 112.

Music Ministry - We have various choirs for youth and adults. If you have a talent you would like to share, please call Ryan at 630.393.2400 x 118.

St. Irene has MUCH to offer you! - Consider joining an organization to develop lasting friendships: Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights, Council of Catholic Women, Hospitality, the Senior Group. For information, please call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 110.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, April 1

This Week’s Meetings

Monday, April 2

Tuesday, April 3
5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (S, C)
7-9p - School Board (HF)

Wednesday, April 4
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
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, April 5
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6-7:30p - American Heritage Girls ACL

Friday, April 6
12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6-7:30p - American Heritage Girls ACL

Saturday, April 7

Sunday, April 8
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11:15a-12:15p - Special Sacrament Group (S)
4-5p - Small Christian Community (ACL)

Divine Mercy Sunday

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.” Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God’s mercy, Rich in Mercy, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. Likewise, Pope Francis continues to emphasis this foundational belief of our Church. We, as Catholics, are profoundly called to reflect, in a prayerful and devote way, on the message of God’s mercy.

Please join your faith community in acknowledging and accepting the merciful love of God, during a special holy hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th from 3-4PM in the Church.

St. Irene Employment Opportunity

St. Irene Parish is seeking to hire one or two persons to fulfill the duties of a parish business manager and separately, a parish Physical Plant Manager. Below is a general description of duties. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Fr. Jim at parishoffice@st-irene.org, or Erich Pavel, chair of the parish finance committee.

Position Description
St. Irene Business Manager

Reporting directly to the Pastor with responsibilities to the parish Finance Committee; also, facilitator to parish staff.

- Serve as financial and day-to-day administrative manager for the parish.
- Prepare annual budget and monthly financial reports.
- Conduct the accounting, bookkeeping, and payroll (Paylocity) operations.
- Prepare monthly bank reconciliation.
- Monitor revenue in relation to expenses and budget, and assume responsibility for budget control.
- With the Diocese administer the fringe benefit programs.
- Train, support, and manage church software programs including but not limited to: census/membership database, religious education and school membership, tuition, and donor database.
- Work with parish consultant to direct successful stewardship/annual giving programs.
- Work collaboratively with staff to facilitate their programs.

Physical Plant Manager

- Negotiate cost, terms, and conditions of all contracted services.
- Act as owner’s representative in selection of qualified contractors/bidders for any and all contracted services.
- Supervise any and all contracted services.
- Develop preventive maintenance schedules for all equipment based on need and manufacturer recommendations.
- Develop comprehensive major repair and improvement programs and make recommendations for priority inclusion to the annual budget.
- Develop systems to define and protect the organization’s interest under cost, terms, conditions, and cancellations.

For more information, please contact Fr. Jim at parishoffice@st-irene.org, or Erich Pavel, chair of the parish finance committee.
**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.

**Crisis Prayer Chain:** If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@outlook.com or 630.853.2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.

**Readings for the Week**

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