Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

Luke 24:46-47
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.uro@outlook.com.

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Reflecting on God’s Word

Some vaccinations only last so long. After a predictable amount of time the immunity wears off and people are susceptible to the same old disease again. That’s when it’s time for a booster shot. It seems that we also need booster shots for faith. Baptism alone is not enough. The joy and peace that filled our communities two weeks ago are probably starting to flag and our old selves may be starting to re-emerge. We need a weekly dose of Resurrection appearances, in the Eucharist we share.

All three of this week’s readings as well as the psalm point out the weakness of our human faith. Yet they emphasize the forgiveness and blessing that are always available to those who turn to “Jesus Christ the righteous one.” Can we recognize ourselves in Luke’s Gospel today? Do we realize how deeply we depend on our weekly “booster shot” of the Eucharist to remember and reclaim the saving presence of the risen Lord?
—Virginia Stillwell

LIVING GOD’S WORD: The Eucharist is meant to energize us to take Christ’s presence out into the world. It may be easy to see ourselves in today’s scriptures as the weak sinners, but we should also envision ourselves in the roles of Peter, John, and Luke. In the Eucharist Jesus feeds us and sends us to “preach in his name to all the nations” (Luke 24:47). We are his witnesses.

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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!

MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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

♦ God raised Christ from the dead.

Background: In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter explains that Jesus is the fulfilment of the ancient messianic promise. Jesus, the Messiah, who died and was raised to new life, brought a new life of peace and right relationship with God. Through Jesus, God’s merciful love is available to all those who seek it.

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5
♦ Whoever keeps God’s word has love made perfect.

Background: The first part of the second reading reminds believers that sin still exists in the world. Believers must walk in light because God is light. Christ, who lives in a totally loving relationship with the Father, is also the Advocate who pleads our cause with the Father.

♦ He stood in their midst.

Background: The author of today’s Gospel attempts to tell us that Jesus’ resurrection involves the whole person, body and spirit. After His resurrection, when Jesus eats with the disciples, they recognize Him in the breaking of bread. Life in Christ is a life of forgiveness and peace.

Theme: Being able to see the Risen Christ.

Question for Adults:
When have you had an “Aha” moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

Question for Youth:
What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the places, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

Question for Children:
Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

The St. Irene Parish Easter Egg hunt was a wonderful success! Special thanks to following organizations: The Knights of Columbus, the Ladies of Columbus, the Council of Catholic Women, and the Senior Lunch Bunch ministry. In addition, thank you to all those parishioners who dropped off candy. Over 900 eggs were filled with treats by volunteers and hidden by the Religious Education students. For all who attended I am sure you noticed how strategically they were placed making it a fun filled challenge for all.

Special thanks to the Easter Bunny who made a special visit through the kindness of Cindy and Brian Naberhaus.

There is a container labeled "Recycle Eggs" in the back of the church to return the plastic eggs for next year’s hunt.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2018
Pledge Report

If we exceed our goal in paid pledges, 65% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815.838.8515.

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask that you please reflect on God’s gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

By partnering together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries. Thank you for your support.
St. Irene
LunchBunch Ministry
Cinco de Mayo Celebration Lunch
Thursday, May 3rd
from 11:30AM-2PM
in the ACL

Catered by El Puente in St.Charles - Parishioner
David Jimenez is the owner
Chicken/steak tacos, quesadillas, chips/salsa/pico de gallo, beans/rice and all taco fixings
Dessert- churros and chocolate
Beverages included
$12 per person
Entertainment to be determined
RSVP by April 29th to Anna Saake
630.456.0644 (text or call) or anna@saake.net

Eucharistic Adoration
We need coverage for ALL hours of adoration which runs from 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.

Knights of Columbus Eyeglasses 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.

Donations are needed of size 3 pampers and size 4T pull ups. A Bridge family desperately could use help with these items. God bless you for your help! If you have any questions, call Susan at 630.649.8720.

Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary Nomination and Election - Our elections are being held on Tuesday, May 8th. We are looking to fill two positions: Secretary and Trustee. If you are interested in joining an organization that has so much to offer to our parish and the community, please join us! Contact Pat Kemp at patkemp2004@yahoo.com or at 630.653.1647.

St. Irene School Blackboard
Congratulations to our Science Fair contestants. Held at St. Francis University in Joliet, we had seven 7th and 8th graders display and present the experiments that they started back in June of 2017. From regionals, five have moved on to the state competition held at Bradley University on April 28th. Moving on are Ben Sanchez, Ellie Ryson, Jacob Schilf, Katherine McGowan, and Rachel Schmitz. Good luck to all.

This month, our school families are putting together birthday bags for Loaves & Fishes. Families are collecting party supplies to be handed out to families in need. This is part of our all-school mission to include all ages in helping our community.

If you are interested in our program for your children, or know of any family, friends or neighbors who could be enriched by our school family, open enrollment is ongoing. We offer 3 or 5 half - or full - day preschool programs, before - and after - school care, and a $2,000 discount for public school transfers for grades 1 through 8. Please contact the school office at 630.393.9303 x 116 for more information, or set to up a shadow date.

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST
Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament - the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures. Today’s selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “Jesus Christ the righteous one” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “expiation for our sins” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “Peace” and urges them to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47).

Ladies of Columbus 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.
## This Week’s Meetings

### Sunday, April 15
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)
- 11a-12:15p - HS Confirmation Class (HF)
- 1-3p - School Service Project (ACL)
- 1-2:30 - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)

### Monday, April 16
- 1-2:30 - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Consoling the Heart of Jesus (ACL)

### Tuesday, April 17
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (S, C)
- 5:30-6:30p - Elementary Religious Education (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

### Wednesday, April 18
- 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 19
- 7-8p - Rosary Group (ACL)

### Friday, April 20
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6-7:30p - American Heritage Girls (ACL)
- 7-8p - Wedding Rehearsal (C)

### Saturday, April 21
- 8-10:30a - KC Color Guard (ACU)
- 6-10p - BUNCO (ACL)

### Sunday, April 22
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)
- 11:15a-12:15p - Special Sacrament Group (S)

## 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.

## 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, contact Fr. Jim at parishoffice@st-irene.org, or Erich Pavel, chair of the parish finance committee, at epavellii@aol.com.

### 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.

Mary Hughes
Bernie Malovany
Paige C. Robertson
Ann Mulcahy
Bev Oliveri
Patti Menconi
Judy Colonero
Joe Gattone
Donna Pelletier

Lynette Meany
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Barb Houston
Paula Lopat
Colette Malovany
Charlie Fahrenwald

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

♦ Theresa Pavel
♦ Camille Wurst

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 16
Easter Weekday
7:00 AM - Catherine Jurkowski/ Kristin Kocan

Tuesday, April 17
Easter Weekday
7:00 AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Wednesday, April 18
Easter Weekday
7:00 AM - Ted Mlsna/ Family

Thursday, April 19
Easter Weekday

Friday, April 20
Easter Weekday
7:00 AM - Sr. Rosie Ech, CSJ/ Friends
8:15 AM - Joseph Govednik/ St. Irene Community

Saturday, April 21
Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter
2:30 PM - Wedding Mass
William Engle & Janelle Humann
5:00 PM - For the Leahy, Grillo & Pierson Families
Agnes Jarosz/ Mark Jarosz Family

Sunday, April 22
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM - Rufus & Carmen Halama/ Family
10:00 AM - Lucy Bernard/ Rosemary Edwin Sulima/ Family
11:30 AM - Baptism Ceremony

AB Patrick Reid - Keesler AFB, MS
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM
1st Lt. Keegan Loheny USMC - Camp Pendleton
Lance Cpl. Quin Loheny USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSGt. 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