Congratulations to Pat Kemp, our CCW Woman of the Year!
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.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: Sometimes we may feel that we are not even capable of loving as Jesus loved. In today’s first reading we see that God is so eager to enter our hearts and enable us to love that the Holy Spirit falls upon those listening, even though they have not yet been baptized. Ask God to help you love as Jesus loves.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Reflecting on God’s Word
As a nation, we are a mobile people. Not only do we travel around during vacations, for special events, and for visiting family and friends, but we readily move from one place to another for college, work, health reasons, and finally retirement. While previous generations usually stayed with one job and in one house for practically all of their lives, today it is common to move from one place to another, to a different state or even to a different country. This mobility carries over into our relationships. We can find that our lives take us from one set of friends to another, from one close relationship to another.

So Jesus’ admonition to remain in His love can sound quite challenging to people whose lives are characterized by change and impermanence. The word “remain” is sometimes translated as “abide.” The meaning of this invitation is to “take up permanent residence.” Last week Jesus called us to “remain” in His word; this week, to “remain in my love” (John 15:9).

Jesus tells us how to do this (by keeping His commandments), why we should do this (so that His joy might be in us and our joy complete), what specifically we should do (love one another as I have loved you, that is, by laying down My life for you), and what is to be gained by doing this (an ongoing friendship with Him that bears fruit and gains whatever we ask the Father in His name).

Not a bad exchange for settling down...in His love.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline
Sunday Bulletin: Deadline is 8AM on: May 27
Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.

MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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

Reading I: Act 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
♦ A person from any nation is called to follow Christ.

Background: In the first reading, it is evident that the early Church found it hard to accept that God’s plan for salvation was not limited to the Jews. The vision in Peter’s dream prepares him for his meeting with Cornelius, a Gentile. Peter baptizes Cornelius and his household, and he declares that God is not partial but loves all people.

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10
♦ Let us love one another.

Background: The reading from 1 John is part of a series of statements that end with the crucial reminder that love comes from God. The author wants to point out how much God loves us. God demonstrated the extent of His love by sending His Son to give His life for us.

Gospel: John 15:9-17
♦ So I have loved you.

Background: Today’s Gospel continues the theme of love with the message that God has loved us, so therefore, we must love one another. God is the source and object of our love.

Theme: Love one another.

Question for Adults:
Concretely, how do you show love to others?

Question for Youth:
Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Children:
In what ways do you experience God’s love, offered to you through family, friends and teachers?

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.

Healing Horizons is a parish support group where people help people through the difficult experience of loss through death, divorce, or separation. Our focus is on the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of those who attend. People from all faiths are encouraged to join us. We meet four times each quarter from 6:30-8PM. Our Spring Quarter meetings will be held in the Holy Family Room of the Parish Center on Thursday evening May 17. For more information, please contact Sue Battaglia at 312.213.2119.
First Communicants

Vincent Afable          Pedro Arguello          Alan Backman
Andora Bertich          Jaidyn Buziecki          Giselle Colmenares
Ryan Coop              Lori Dau              Emma Flowers
Estrella Farfan-Garcia  Valentina Gallegos        Manuel Garcia
Yuritzi Garcia          Declan Griffin        Mayreli Guerra
Javier Guerrero         Hailey Guida           Jake Hagene
Xavier Herbst           Mia Hernandez         Elizabeth Hoff
Alexander Jacobson      Audrey Jurjovec        Eduardo Lopez
Eric Lopez              Matthew Marotto       Leonardo Martinez
Julius Nevins           Daniel Nuñez            Maria Padilla
Alan Perez              Emily Perez            Freddy Perez
Melanie Perez           Abigail Prince         Meredith Riordan
Valeria Rodriguez       Ethan Rolison          Madison Semp
Alana Schille           Thomas Spencer, Jr.    Alejandra Tomas Espinoza
Sarahi Tomas Espinoza   Carys Thompson        Angel Vazquez
Jenedy Venegas          Adolfo Viveros         Katherine White

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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be at St. Irene the week of June 18-22 from 9AM-12PM. Our VBS Theme is...Maker Fun Factory where kids will learn to build, explore and discover that they were made by the Ultimate Creator, God! They were created by God and built for a PURPOSE!!

Kids entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to participate. Registration will be held after Masses on May 12 & 13 and May 19 & 20. Participation fee is $25. Space is limited!

Kids entering 6th-8th grade are invited to be Group Leaders. Our High School and College students are invited to be VBS Team Leaders. Adult Leaders are also needed! Please contact Jacqueline Skelly at jacqueline@st-irene.org or 630.393.2400 x 121 if you would like to be on the Leadership Team. Students will receive 15 hours of service.

There will be a preschool room for 4-year-old children of volunteers or siblings of kids participating.

Are you looking for an education change for your children?

St. Irene School welcomes you to consider us for the 2018/2019 school year. There are openings in all grades, Pre-K through 8th Grade. Public school transfers are also eligible for a $2,000 discount per child for grades 1 through 8 for their first year. Scholarships may also be available. Please contact our school office at 630.393.3903 x 116.

www.st-ireneschool.org

Automated Giving - St. Irene Parish has an automated giving program called WeShare. It is a check-free, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections. For more information or to enroll, please visit st-irene.churchgiving.com or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.
### This Week’s Meetings

#### Sunday, May 6
- 10:10a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-2p - CCW Woman of the Year Luncheon (ACL)

#### Monday, May 7
- 12:30-2:45p - St. Irene Walk-a-thon (Parking Lot)
- 7-9p - Garden Committee (ACL)

#### Tuesday, May 8
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (S, C)
- 6-7p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)
- 7-8p - Bridge Communities (Staff)

#### Wednesday, May 9
- 8-10:30a - PACE (ACL)
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 5:30-6:30p - Kids Choir (C)
- 6-10p - KC Assembly Meeting (AC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

#### Thursday, May 10
- 6-8p - New Parishioner Orientation (ACL)

#### Friday, May 11
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Engaged Couples Information Meeting (ACL)

#### Saturday, May 12
- 6-8p - New Parishioner Orientation (ACL)

#### Sunday, May 13

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### 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 one 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.

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**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.

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**Come be a part of the St. Irene Garden Club. We will meet Monday, May 7 at 7 pm in the Activity Center.**
## 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.

## Liturgical Calendar

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## 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.