There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4
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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Reflecting on God’s Word

Sighs allow us to sit there for a moment or two without breathing—just being there at peace and without whatever it is that we just exhaled, without our worry or our confusion or maybe even our inner pain. It’s almost as if a sigh is a prayer for new spirit.

On the other hand, hiccups are almost like breathing with potholes and speed bumps, like gulps of rough-age to keep the good air flowing—or maybe they’re gulps of spirit to get the body into balance when it’s quite content to stay out of balance, a kind of forced prayer.

Lately I’ve been thinking about sighing and hiccuping. Maybe it’s because I’ve grown older and sigh more often. Now when I sigh, I find myself deciding to live with life the way it is and saying to myself that it’s got to be okay, because like it or not, it’s all I’ve got. I’ve begun to realize that after fighting with some of my sins for sixty-some years without much ever seeming to change, maybe I just need to let God do whatever God is going to do. And so the Spirit sighs, which is another way of saying, “Jesus is Lord.”

On the other hand, after sixty-plus years of living I also keep discovering new sinfulness in my life, little corners that I’ve allowed to get dusty by staying out of them. Like greed that I had labeled “being practical.” Like protecting myself from being used, which turns out to be no more than selfishness. And every once in a while, in a moment of honesty, I’ll come across one of those dusty corners, and it’s a bit like trying to swallow a peanut butter sandwich without any milk. It’s hard to get down, and then you start to hiccup.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We pay much more attention to hiccups because they are disruptive. Sighing comes easily. It settles us and heals. There’s good in both of them: hiccups direct our thoughts to what may need attention; sighing provides a moment of peace.

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.

Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God’s promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul’s letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all His disciples to share His forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is the R.C.I.A.?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—it is the way the Catholic Church welcomes new members.

Who is it for?
Primarily this Rite is for unbaptized adults and children of school age; however, it has been adapted for those adults and children baptized in other Christian denominations who seek membership in the Catholic Church.

What about baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist? Adults seeking these Sacraments will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Christian Initiation is the responsibility of the entire faith community. If you are interested in becoming active in this dynamic ministry, phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 for information.

Inquiry sessions: These sessions are ongoing.

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an “eye” in the roof open to the sky, called an oculus. After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the oculus onto the assembly. Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the “birthday of the church.”

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11
♦ All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Background: In the Acts of the Apostles, the story of Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day after Passover, the day after seven Sabbaths. The strong wind recalls the mighty wind that swept over the waters at creation and the breath of life that God blew into the human being. The tongues of fire at Pentecost symbolize a new call and a new covenant.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
♦ There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

Background: In 1 Corinthians, Paul describes the unity of Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit. They are one body, breathing with the same breath. The gifts of each contribute to the life of the whole.

Gospel: John 20:19-23
♦ As the Father set Me, so I send you.

Background: The Gospel reading portrays the timeless events of Jesus’ resurrection and the descent of the Spirit. Jesus breathes on the disciples, creating them anew, and proclaims the gift of the Holy Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples continue to spread new life and remedy the separation caused by sin as they forgive sins.

Theme: WE have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Question for Adults:
Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

Question for Youth:
When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

Question for Children:
When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:4

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

BIG Garage Sale - The Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a BIG Garage Sale at St. John’s in Winfield. The sale will be open on Friday, June 8th from 8AM-4PM and Saturday, June 9th from 8AM-3PM. The sale takes place in Sebahar Hall, the lower level of the church. Enter on the north side of the church on Liberty Street with the ramp sidewalk entrance. Parking is available in the lot across the street on Liberty and in front of the hall. Profits from the sale will benefit the Parish. Questions can be directed to Cecily at 630.665.5946 or Kathy at 630.653.2677.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry - The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. “I felt welcome.” “Found hope.” “Am more at peace.”

Date: June 23 & 24
St. Julie’s, Tinley Park
For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at 708.354.7211.
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
Website: www.joyfulagain.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - WWME begins with a private weekend experience with presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is August 10-12 in Elk Grove Village. For reservations, or more information, please call 630.577.0778 or go to wwme-chicagoland.org.

Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat - Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female. The Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Campout for this year will be held starting on Friday, August 10th, at 5PM until Sunday, August 12th at 12PM. It will be held on the grounds of St. Mary’s church in Plano. This retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for those who pre-register for it and for the class itself. The event is open to ALL Scouts (male or female) who are entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration beforehand is required. For more information and registration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting.
Knights of Columbus Eyeglasses Drive - A Sincere Thank You!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Lions International, we wish to thank those that participated in the 2018 Eyeglass Drive. **Over 187 pairs of eyeglasses were donated by the St. Irene Church Community** to help the underprivileged that experience visual acuity problems. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause. As a result of the positive response that was garnered, we may plan to conduct this drive again in the future.

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Summer means VBS!

Join us June 18th-22nd 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.

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The Spring 2018 issue of Catholic Extension’s magazine, *Extension*, tells of the inspiring work of Catholic faith communities in hurricane-damaged Puerto Rico. The Church has a central role in reaching out to residents to address their spiritual and human needs.

It also features a story about Catholic Extension’s partnership with Catholic universities, particularly in the Northeast, that provide education and training for Church leaders in mission dioceses.

**Pick up a free copy of *Extension* magazine in the vestibule.** Its inspiring stories will help you experience a different side of the Catholic Church in America—in places where faith is strong but resources are limited. A digital version can be found at [www.catholicextension.org/extension-magazine-newest](http://www.catholicextension.org/extension-magazine-newest).
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, May 20

7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)
11a-12:30p - Wedding Prep (HF)

Monday, May 21

Tuesday, May 22

Wednesday, May 23

12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)
7-9p - Worship Commission (HF)

Thursday, May 24

Friday, May 25

12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)

Saturday, May 26

7a-1p - KC Academy (AC)

Sunday, May 27

Don’t miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime!
The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is sponsoring a TRIP FOR TWO to Rome, Italy. The winner will receive a travel voucher of $1,500 each toward round trip airfare and a 6 night stay at the MSC House (site of the former Dutch Embassy and the new home of Fr. Mike Miller, MSC as the new General Secretary) in Rome. Please call us at 630.892.2371 or send your contact information to:
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
P.O. Box 270
Aurora, IL 60507-0270

Drawing: Friday, June 8, 2018
(Winner need not be present at drawing)
$25 per ticket or 5 for $100

Hurry! Tickets are limited!

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 epavelli@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.
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.

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: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, May 21
St. Christopher Magallanes
7:00AM - For a Successful Surgery for Fr. Jim

Tuesday, May 22
St. Rita of Cascia
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

Wednesday, May 23
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, May 24
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Frank P. Bava/ St. Irene Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 25
St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - For the Healing of Our Family & Friends

Saturday, May 26
Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity
5:00PM - Mary Paschal/ 1st Anniversary
Shirley Brown/ Family
Fred Einsle/ Family

Sunday, May 27
The Most Holy Trinity
8:00AM - Terry Pavel/ Cathy Kott
10:00AM - Lucy Bernard/ Rosemary
John Schefke - 90th Birthday/ Pat Jackowiak
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

AB Patrick Reid - Keesler AFB, MS
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM
1st Lt. Keegan Lohnery USMC - Camp Pendleton
Lance Cpl. Quin Lohnery 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