The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below; there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:39
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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.

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The Most Holy Trinity

Reflecting on God’s Word

It is not always easy to be family. Good parents, the old saying goes, give their children roots and wings, a sense of security and freedom to live their lives. But achieving such a balance is often accomplished only after years of working at it. Sometimes children feel smothered by their parents, that they are trying to control their lives; at other times, children feel neglected, that they are not important, even not loved.

The readings today remind us that God wishes us to know that we can find our roots in the divine love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that we can also find our freedom there. Paul’s words to the Romans pick up first on the purpose of the gift of the Spirit that we celebrated last Sunday. The Spirit has been given us to lead us more deeply into the mystery of God, into the love of God, so that we recognize that we are God’s beloved children.

This same message is found in Moses’ words to the people as they are about to enter into the Promised Land. Has anyone ever had a God like our God? Moses marvels. Has any God ever shown a people how dear they are by such signs and wonders as our God has shown us? Moses is moving them to know who they are as God’s beloved family and to “fix in your heart, that the LORD is God . . . and that there is no other” (Deuteronomy 4:39).

But we are not to stay all curled up in the divine embrace. We have been sent forth to proclaim to others this good news, to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We do this when we allow the Spirit to lead us, to guide us in witnessing to God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We can pray that we continue to live in the freedom of the children of God, to be led by God’s Spirit, to go forth to draw others into this family of God by showing the joy of being disciples.

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today’s solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

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.

FEED the HUNGRY

Please help us refill the Food Pantry shelves with cereal, chili, pork & beans, toilet paper, paper towels and laundry detergent.

The loving spirit of the St. Irene Community is shown through your generosity to the poor.

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity created by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If you look closely, you will see a sacrificed calf in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Like all icons, this image is theology in art. The persons are equal in proportion and dignity, they all carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev’s work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity monastery about an hour from Moscow. After decades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian Orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!

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

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
♦ The Lord is God and there is no other.

Background: In the reading from Deuteronomy we can see that the God of Israel is not removed from human history but enters into history with great power to protect and save the chosen people. Through a speech by Moses, the people are encouraged to be aware of the many ways in which God has sustained them. The Creator God desires to bless the people and make them prosper.

Reading II: Romans 8:14-17
♦ You have received the Spirit.

Background: In Romans, Paul describes God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the shared life and love between Father and Son. With Christ we become children of God.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
♦ Go!

Background: The Gospel passage from Matthew is Jesus’ final instruction to the disciples after the resurrection. Jesus proclaims full authority over all creation. With that authority, Christ commissions the disciples to continue His work in the world, and He promises to remain with them until the end of the world.

Theme: The Trinity

Question for Adults:
As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

Question for Youth:
How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Children:
Why do you think Catholics make “The sign of the Cross” when we pray?

Of what use are riches in eternity?
—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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.

—St. Aloysius Gonzaga
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.

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

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.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, May 27

Monday, May 28

Tuesday, May 29
7-8p - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parish Center)

Wednesday, May 30
6-9p - 8th Grade Dinner at Cress Creek
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, May 31
7-9p - 8th Grade Graduation (C & ACL)

Friday, June 1
6-7:30p - American Heritage Girls (ACL)

Saturday, June 2

Sunday, June 3
11a-12:30p - Wedding Prep (S)
11a-6p - KC Major Degree in AC

Opportunities to become involved in the ministries of YOUR Church

Social Justice Ministry:
♦ Food Pantry

Education Ministry:
♦ Catechist/assistant: Pre-School
♦ Catechist/assistant: Elementary
♦ Catechist/assistant: Jr. High
♦ Catechist/assistant: High School
♦ Bible Study Facilitator

Formation Ministry:
♦ RCIA
♦ Baptism prep
♦ Baptism prep child care
♦ Marriage prep
♦ Small Christian Communities

Liturgical Ministry:
♦ Lector
♦ Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
♦ Altar Server – Elementary/ Jr. High Level
♦ Altar Server – High School
♦ Choir – Adults
♦ Choir – Children
♦ Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leaders/ Assistants/ Musicians
♦ Usher/ Greeter

Hospitality:
♦ Seniors LunchBunch Leader & Assistants
♦ New Parishioner Welcome Team
♦ Monthly Hospitality

Pastoral Ministry:
♦ Minister to the Homebound

YES! After prayerful consideration, I will help! (Please drop in collection.)

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 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: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bc-6; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, May 28
Weekday
9:00AM - For those Who Have Died in Service to Our Country

Tuesday, May 29
Weekday
7:00AM - For the Recovery of Fr. Jim

Wednesday, May 30
Weekday
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, May 31
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM - St. Irene of Faith Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 1
St. Justin; First Friday
7:00AM - Bob Geary/ 1st Anniversary
8:15AM - For St. Irene School Graduates

Saturday, June 2
Vigil: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
5:00PM - John Jackowiak/ Pat

Sunday, June 3
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
8:00AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad
Mary Wixted/ John & Mary Dugan
10:00AM - For the Recovery of Fr. Jim

Eucharistic Adoration runs from 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. For information or scheduling, please call Cathy at 630.393.9543.

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Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
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