Many who heard Jesus were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”

Mark 6:2,3
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: We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.
OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today’s scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are “hard of face and obstinate of heart” (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that “[he] was amazed at their lack of faith” (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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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

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us at 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a one hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.

Last week’s Treasure mentioned the “Nuns of the Battlefield,” religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the “Nuns of the Battlefield” stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: “They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty.”

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

Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5
♦ I am sending you.

Background: Prophets are called by God to proclaim the message of salvation. Suffering and rejection are bound to come with the call. In the first reading, Ezekiel is sent to bring God’s message to hard hearted and obstinate people.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
♦ When I am powerless, I am actually strong.

Background: The Corinthian community requests evidence of Paul’s authority. Evidently, Paul is kept humble by some sort of affliction. Paul recognizes that the power of God is made known in his weakness.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a
♦ What kind of wisdom is he endowed with?

Background: The Gospel of Mark was written for early Christians experiencing persecution for their faith. The rejection Jesus experienced in Nazareth hindered His power because of the people’s lack of faith. In today’s passage, Mark presents a foreshadowing of the final rejection Jesus will experience at the time of His death.

Theme: We must believe in Jesus ourselves.

Question for Adults:
Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

Question for Youth:
When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

Question for Children:
Does sharing with others bring happiness to you? Why?

Mission Trip

For over 25 summers, CHWC has been providing opportunities for Catholic teens and adults to share their gifts, get out of their comfort zone and serve others.

In July, St. Irene is sending 6 teens and 1 adult (along with 20 others from St. Michael and St. Anne) to southern Indiana to serve and restore homes and hearts, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children and the elderly, and to give tirelessly of themselves.

The cost of each camp volunteer is approximately $500 which will be supplemented by fundraising efforts, supply & monetary donations, and personal contributions.

Please consider supporting our youth with any of the following contributions:
♦ 4” paint brushes and disposable drop cloths
♦ paint scrapers, painter's tape and safety goggles
♦ 7-11 sturdy work gloves size small
♦ 1 - $500 full scholarship
♦ 10 - $50 gifts toward transportation fees
♦ 10 - $25 partial scholarships

Thank you for your prayers for a successful mission trip.

Life’s Healing Journey

Life’s Healing Weekend Retreat
Saturday, July 21st, 8am-8:30pm
Sunday, July 22nd, 8am-4pm

Reservations and additional information
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
305 S. Lake St. Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 892-2371 Ext.39

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.
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. Join us on Wednesdays, July 11, July 25, August 8 and August 22 from 6:30-8PM in the lower level of the Activity Center. For more information, please contact Sue Battaglia at 312.213.2119.

Escape the Kingdom of Man: Discover True Happiness

Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life is a new 8-part parish program that unveils Jesus’ plan for happiness in the Beatitudes.

Kingdom of Happiness will:

♦ Show how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings, they are the path to happiness charted by Christ himself.
♦ Expose the “anti-Beatitudes” for what they are: the kingdom of man’s false promises of happiness that lead only to misery.
♦ Inspire a renewed resolve to live the Beatitudes through video profiles of real-life people living the Beatitudes in their everyday life.

Featuring teaching videos by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, and powerful profiles of normal people living out the Beatitudes in heroic ways.

Please join us at 1PM in the ACL on Mondays now through August 20 (No meeting on July 16th).

Cost is $10 for the Study Guide. For information, or to register, call Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or email annette@st-irene.org.

School Supplies

The churches of Warrenville once again will collect school supplies for the needy children in our community. This year St. Irene has been assigned 55 5th grade students. We will collect the school supplies through Sunday, July 22nd. This year we will distribute “supply packs”, therefore there is no need to purchase backpacks.

- 1 Box- CRAYOLA Crayons - 24 count
- 1 pkg colored pencils
- 1 black sharpie
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 2 dry erase markers
- 20 Sharpened Wood Pencils - #2 regular
- 1 Box CRAYOLA Washable Markers - Broad tip, Assorted colors (8 ct)
- 4 Spiral Notebook - Wide rule, Single subject 8 1/2 X 11” (70 sheets)
- 6 Individual Vinyl Folders with 2 pockets - No Rings, No Trappers, No Portfolios, Plain (1) each Purple, Red, Yellow, Green, Blue & Orange
- 1 pink Pearl eraser
- 1 Scissors - Fiskars (steel blade)
- 1 - 4 oz ELMER’S White School Glue
- 1 - Glue Stick
- 1 pkg. index cards
- 1 pair of earbuds

We will sort and pack the supplies on Wednesday, July 25th at 10AM in the ACL. The block party will be on Saturday, July 28th at Johnson school from 5-7PM. If you can help distributing the supplies or manning our treat table, phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or sign up in the narthex.
## This Week’s Meetings

### Sunday, July 8
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Wedding Prep (HF)

### Monday, July 9
- 1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)

### Tuesday, July 10

### Wednesday, July 11
- 6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

### Thursday, July 12
- 6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

### Friday, July 13

### Saturday, July 14

### Sunday, July 15
- 11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (ACL)

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### Theology-on-Tap

Come to a Summer Speaker Series for adults in their 20’s, 30’s & 40’s!

- **Sunday, July 15** - “There must be more than this - What is God’s Plan for my life?” - Mr. Peter Newburn
- **Sunday, July 29** - “Why Marriage? Why not Cohabitation?” - Dr. Jim Healy
- **Sunday, August 12** - “Let’s be Friends! Building Authentic Relationship” - Ms. Rebecca Siar

Each session will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church - Parish Life Center in Aurora from 6:30-8:30PM. Drinks and a light dinner will be served at 6:30PM and the presentation will begin at 7PM. Child care, with a dinner included, will be provided free of charge. An RSVP is REQUIRED! Please indicate your child(s) age(s) when you RSVP.

For more information, or to reserve your spot for your child(ren), contact Dave at 331.707.5371 or DaveM@olmercy.com.

### ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

**BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove**

1PM Shotgun Start

We are currently looking for silent auction donations, sponsors, and volunteers.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!

For more information or to help, contact Scott Reid or Shannon Nevins at saint.irene.athleticboard@gmail.com

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### 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.

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### 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 July 19th and bring a friend!

For more information, please call Jeanette Clark at 630.292.9349.
### 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.

Paula Peterson  
Joan Kempiak  
Patricia Hogan  
Virginia Barber  
Ken Kras  
Mary Hughes  
Bernie Malovany  
Paige C. Robertson  
Ann Mulcahy  
Bev Oliveri  
Patti Menconi

### Communion Assistance

We want to insure that every parishioner who wishes to partake in the Communion Sacrament be able to do so. In order to assist us with this process, please notify an usher prior to the start of Mass if you or someone in your party needs communion brought to you. Extraordinary Ministers will bring the Precious Body & Blood to you in your pew.

- AB Patrick Reid - Keesler AFB, MS
- 1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM
- 1st Lt. Keegan Lohener USMC - Camp Pendleton
- Lance Cpl. Quin Loheny USAF - 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 Rasplmarka - Fort Bliss, Texas

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