Blessed be God who chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him.

Ephesians 1:3, 4

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM

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Reflecting on God’s Word
Traveling by plane these days calls for careful preparation. One airline recently posted notice that if your bag weighs more than fifty pounds, there is an additional fee of fifty dollars. Add in the restrictions on carry-on baggage: no liquids more than three ounces, no bags beyond a certain size. It encourages you to travel light.

Jesus is issuing his own travel instructions to those he chose to work with him. First, he gives them “authority over unclean spirits” (Mark 6:7), a sharing in the authority the Father has given him for the work of spreading the gospel that the reign of evil is over and the reign of God is beginning.

Then, Jesus gets practical: Take nothing but a walking stick—to be used in climbing hills, driving off wild animals, or pushing away snakes found on the paths. No food, no sack to hold extra clothing—not even a second tunic—or to carry off anything from the towns you visit, and no money! Permission granted to wear sandals.

Finally, when you get to a place, do not look for the most comfortable lodging, take what comes first and be content there. The focus is clear: Stay on message—God’s kingdom is at hand. Repent and believe. And show it in action: Deliver the sick and possessed from what burdens them. If people don’t like the message? Move on.

Over two thousand years later, Jesus, risen Lord, continues to call ordinary folk. Back then it was some fishermen, a tax collector, a political activist; now it’s workers from every way of life, every profession and job. People raising families, singles, the elderly, anyone willing to confess that God is at work in our world, that evil will not have the last word, and that all creation finds its deepest meaning in Christ.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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LIVING GOD’S WORD: Let us pray that we will recognize where God wants us to do the work of spreading the news of God’s kingdom.
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.

CALLED BY GOD

Today’s scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the Lord to the prophet Amos, the “shepherd and a dresser of sycamores” (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out “two by two” (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God “destined us for adoption” (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say yes to the call we hear once again through God’s living word.

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

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.

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.

At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry’s eldest daughter, Mary, restored the “old religion” in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called “Bloody Mary” for good reason.) His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called “recusants,” from a Latin word meaning “refuse,” since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England. Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim “Recusancy” as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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**Whole Parish Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Reading I: Amos 7:12-15**

♦ The Lord has called and sent me.

**Background:** the prophet Amos preached at a time when God’s people were divided into two kingdoms, Judah in the south and Israel in the north. God calls Amos to give the northern kingdom of Israel an unpleasant message. When Amos’s message is not welcome, he points out that the choice to become a prophet was not his own.

**Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14**

♦ We have been chosen in Christ.

**Background:** The letter to the Ephesians begins with a great hymn of praise. All people have been chosen by God in Christ, even before creation. Christians are redeemed by Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel: Mark 6:7-13**

♦ He sent them out to preach and teach, giving them power to do so.

**Background:** In the Gospel story from Mark, Jesus sends the disciples out to do His work. Today’s passage immediately follows the story of Jesus’ rejection in Nazareth. If Jesus is rejected, the disciples continuing His work should also expect rejection.

**Theme:** We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

**Question for Adults:**

Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

**Question for Youth:**

When Jesus sent the disciples out, He was preparing them for the future when He would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

**Question for Children:**

To whom would you announce the Good News about Jesus? Who do you think most needs to hear this message?

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**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 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.

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**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. Our campers are leaving for our weeklong service mission on Monday. Please pray for us!

♦ Pray that we be safe in our travels.
♦ Pray that we be generous in our giving and joyfully serve all that we do.
♦ Pray that our hearts and minds be transformed as we become Christ’s hands and feet.
♦ Pray that those we serve feel and know Christ’s love for them.

Thank you for your prayers for a successful mission trip.

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**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
## 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.

## St. Irene’s Lunch Bunch
### Annual Summer Picnic

**Thursday, August 2nd**

Cerny Park Pavilion  
(Just off Forestview & River Roads in Warrenville)

11:30AM–2:30PM

Picnic lunch of fried chicken, salads and dessert will be provided by our Ministry! **Please bring your own beverages** and preferred lawn chairs (if you don’t want to sit at a picnic table) – there are picnic tables and seating available in the Pavilion.

Rain, Stormy or excessive heat weather - meet in the ACL.

**PLEASE RSVP BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY JULY 30th!**

Anna Saake 630.456.0644 or anna@saake.net

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## 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.
This Week’s Meetings

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

Monday, July 16

Tuesday, July 17

Wednesday, July 18
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, July 19
7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

Friday, July 20

Saturday, July 21

Sunday, July 22

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.)

Name:___________________________________
Phone:__________________________________
Email:___________________________________

Ministry: _________________________________

Can’t find what you’re looking for?
Phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122.

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.

Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday → 9AM-3PM
Friday → 9AM-12PM
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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