SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

JOHN 6:11

July 29, 2018
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. Please 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 to arrange preparation 6 months in advance.

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

Meals usually begin with grace and end with putting away what’s left. Those leftovers are either eaten later by someone who missed dinner or added to tomorrow’s meals. The meal in today’s Gospel is somewhat similar. Before the meal Jesus “gave thanks.” After all had eaten He asked that the leftovers be gathered “so that nothing will be wasted” (John 6:11, 12).

It’s not a stretch to see the similarity to our Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with a prayer of Thanksgiving. It ends with the remaining Eucharist being reserved for those who couldn’t be present and the “crowd” being sent to share Christ’s sacrificial love. It’s miraculous enough that all who are present can eat and have their fill. That is something to be truly grateful for. Yet, the miracle extends beyond the table. “The hand of the Lord feeds us” (cf. Psalm 145:16) with leftover love to spare. The abundant “leftovers” are meant not to be wasted, but to be shared with all those in need of Christ’s love.

—Virginia Stillwell

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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.

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.

Last Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is “Saint James of the Field of Stars.” There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life’s journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the botofumeiro, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.

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

**Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44**
♦ Give it to the people to eat.

**Background:** In the first reading, the prophet Elisha shows great faith in the power of God. Elisha insists that everyone will be fed with an obvious insufficient amount of food. The true nourishment of the prophets is God’s word which overflows and nourishes all around them.

**Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6**
♦ Bear with one another lovingly.

**Background:** The unity given to Christians through one Baptism in Christ is the subject of today’s passage from the Letter to the Ephesians. Christians are one Body in Christ. This unity is exemplified by Christians living in peace.

**Gospel: John 6:1-15**
♦ Jesus gave the people all the food they wanted.

**Background:** The miraculous feeding in today’s Gospel provides a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, where there will never be hunger again. The early Christians recognized in this miracle that hunger for life is the hunger that Jesus satisfies. This story of the multiplication of the loaves becomes the symbol for Jesus’ Eucharistic feeding of his disciples through the ages.

**Theme:** Jesus generously provides and cares for us.

**Question for Adults:**
In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

**Question for Youth:**
Generosity is key to today’s Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

**Question for Children:**
How do you share with others what you have?

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**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

**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, 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.

**Theology-on-Tap**
Come to a Summer Speaker Series for adults in their 20’s, 30’s & 40’s!

♦ **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.

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The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15
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.

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 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for CCW's Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair which will take place Saturday, November 3, 9AM-3PM.

Join Catholic Charities' Board of Young Professionals for a cruise along the Fox River on Saturday, August 18 from 6:30-9PM. The boat leaves from 2 North Avenue in St. Charles. Cost is $65 per ticket for an enchanting evening that includes gourmet food, beer, and wine. Tickets are available at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or 815.724.1140.

This event will directly benefit the mission of Catholic Charities to serve the neediest in our community. Questions, contact Julie at jmprimozic@gmail.com. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, July 29
1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)

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

Tuesday, July 31

Wednesday, August 1
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, August 2
7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

Friday, August 3
6-8p - American Heritage Girls (ACL)

Saturday, August 4

Sunday, August 5

St. Mary’s in West Chicago is offering the following adult Scripture classes this fall. For more information or to register, email Dan.Wartsbaugh@stmarywc.org.

- Biblical Narrative (Genesis through Acts) - Who is God, what does He care about? We will examine the character of God as we see how He interacted with people in Scripture. After gaining a greater familiarity with the Old Testament, we see how Christ made use of these stories in revealing the Father to His own disciples and how they moved forward in the earliest days of the Church. **Thursdays, 6:30-8:30PM August 16-May 23 (32 sessions)** Cost: $200

- Reading the Law (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) - Is the Old Testament Law relevant for Christians today? We will discuss how to read the Law in order to gain insight into the heart of God. **Saturdays, 10AM-12PM August 18 – October 6 (8 sessions)** Cost: $50

- Understanding the Prophets (The Book of the Twelve) - We will establish methods for reading prophecy as a genre, while also examining the specific messages of the prophets. The prophets give us a unique glimpse into the heart of God as it relates to justice, judgment, and redemption both for His own people and the nations. **Saturdays, 10AM-12PM Oct 27– December 22 (8 sessions)** Cost: $50

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS - Our St. Irene family wants to send you off to college with a special blessing as you start the new year whether you will be heading out of state or staying close by. We will have a special blessing for you at all of the Masses the weekend of August 4 and 5. We wish you a year filled with growth and learning. Please know that your faith community is praying for you as you start a new year.

Summer is quickly passing…and we can’t wait to see you again!

Registration for St. Irene Religious Faith Formation Program is now available at [https://www.st-irene.org](https://www.st-irene.org/67). There are three forms to print out and complete, the remaining forms can be read online.

**To take advantage of Early Bird pricing please register by August 1st.** You can drop your Registration forms and payment in the Sunday collection basket or at the Parish Office.

**Orientation for grades 1-6 is on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30PM in Church.**

**Orientation for grades 7-8 is on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30PM in Church.**

“If we don’t teach our children to follow Christ the world will teach them not to!” Proverbs 22:6
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

Judy Colonero  
Joe Gattone  
Donna Pelletone  
Lynette Meany  
Mary Vander Meulen  
Valder Morales  
Max Malesh  
Barb Houston  
Paula Lopat  
Colette Malovany  
Charlie Fahrenwald

Readings for the Week

Monday:  
Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:  
Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:  
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:  
Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:  
Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:  
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:  
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday → 9AM-3PM  
Friday → 9AM-12PM

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, July 30  
St. Peter Chysologus  
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Tuesday, July 31  
St. Ignatius of Loyola  
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

Wednesday, August 1  
St. Alphonsus Liguori  
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, August 2  
St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard  
7:00AM - Ted Mlsna/ Family  
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00PM - CCW Opening Mass

Friday, August 3  
Weekday; First Friday

Saturday, August 4  
Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Baptisms at Mass  
5:00PM - Phil Kemp/ Meyers Family  
Wayne Smith/ Paul & Maureen White

Sunday, August 5  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad  
Patricia Citro/ John & Mary Dugan  
10:00AM - Grace Racicot/ Family

We Elisha in Prayer Those Who Serve Our Country

AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX  
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM  
1st Lt. Keegan Loheny USMC - Camp Pendleton  
Lance Cpl. Quin Loheny 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 - Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Capt. Patrick Looby - Eglin AFB, FL  
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans  
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas