NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

John 6:51
Reflecting on God’s Word

The Passover bread that the Israelites made when leaving Egypt had no leaven in it so that it would not spoil and could continue to provide nourishment to them on the road. Thus it is sometimes called bread for the journey. Of course manna also sustained them on their journey through the desert. And so did the Torah. So deliciously nourishing is the Word of God that some young Jewish children begin learning the Hebrew alphabet by licking honey placed on each letter so that the Torah should always be “sweet on the tongue.”

The story of Elijah being nourished in the desert beautifully epitomizes the many ways in which God provides bread for the journey. For Christians, Jesus’ words, works, and life given for us are the bread we crave. He alone gives us the strength and courage to “be kind...[forgive] one another...and live in love” (Ephesians 4:32, 5:2). And, oddly enough, we can find this ample nourishment from the Eucharist when all we taste is a sip and a crumb.

—Virginia Stillwell

LIVING GOD’S WORD: The nourishment Jesus gives is meant not to put us to sleep but to fuel us for action. The selection from Ephesians refers to the perfumed chrism with which the baptized “were sealed for the day of redemption” (Eph. 4:30). Will others smell the heavenly aroma of Christ’s love on us and be drawn to Him?

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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Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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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.

St. Irene Catholic School would like to invite you to join our family and let your child’s light shine. For over 60 years St. Irene School has served the western DuPage County and eastern Will & Kane Counties by providing a challenging learning environment for our students, helping them to reach their full potential academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. Our graduates are accepted into the top private high schools, score well above average on standardized testing and have a legacy of success at the Illinois State Science Fair, interscholastic sports and community service. Contact the school office at 630.393.9303 x 116.

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.
St. Irene Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the ACL, from 7-7:40pm, followed by fellowship as schedules permit. Come join in the prayer Our Lady gave us, and be intimately and spiritually drawn into the most Holy Life of our Lord. As we connect our hearts with confidence to Her Immaculate Heart, Mary leads us to the Foot of His Cross, which is the doorstep to His Sacred Heart, and Fount of His Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. We gather next on August 16th. Bring a friend...all are welcome! For more info, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Eucharistic Ministers Training

There will be a Eucharistic Ministers training session on August 18th at 4PM before the 5PM Mass. Those Ministers wishing to be a Co-Captain may attend as well. 
Contact Ray at THEOPSR00M@AOL.COM to advise that you will be attending. God Bless

Theology-on-Tap

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

- 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.

The Diocese of Joliet invites you to the 31st Annual Bishop’s Mass with Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 16th at 12PM at Holy Family Catholic Church in Shorewood. There will be an interpreter for the Deaf and a luncheon will follow for persons with disabilities, families and friends. For more information, please contact Gina at 815.221.6229 or ggiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org.
St. Raphael is currently accepting applications for funds to be used for organizations in ministry. The Special Appeal is an annual collection held during the Advent season and traditionally given to deserving ministries outside the parish.

A committee of parishioners of St. Raphael Church will select the Special Appeal recipient. To qualify, the ministry applying must fit the criteria established by the committee.

Funding is made available for not-for-profit groups such as church ministries, social agencies, peace and justice organizations. The one-time grant is intended to be used as seed money for a new program or specific upgrades for existing programs rather than for the maintenance of programs. In the past, Special Appeal collections have averaged $15,000-$21,000.

Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

To request an application packet, please contact:
Barry O’Donnell
Director, Service Ministry and Pastoral Care
St. Raphael Catholic Church
1215 S. Modaff Road
Naperville, IL 60540
630.615.7613
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St. Irene is scheduled to provide volunteers at the Hesed House Soup Kitchen on Monday, August 27 and Friday, August 31 from 10AM-1PM to set up, serve lunch and clean up afterward. Up to 200 people, on fixed incomes, or homeless, are fed every Monday and Friday by groups of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marge Steinhoff at 630.851.3708 or mpst37@aol.com.

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.

COMING SOON!
OCTOBER 13th ROSARY RALLY

October 13, 2018 is the 101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of The Sun. In our continuing response to Mary’s Requests when she appeared to the three children, we will partner once again with St. Thomas Faith Community to create a Prayer Chain, in conjunction with America Needs Fatima’s Rosary Rally initiative, as we join with people from across the country to honor Our Lord and Blessed Mother. As we did last year, our Prayer Chain will consist of 11 Prayer Stations connecting our two parishes...6 in Warrenville; 5 in Naperville. Last year, our efforts brought 200 souls together as we lifted our hearts in unison and prayed for World Peace and the conversion of sinners. This year, with your prayers, we hope to top that number! All who participated last year will attest to the beauty, joy and peace that filled their hearts and souls through the experience.

Please save the date...Saturday, October 13th at 12 Noon, and join us as we pray the Rosary’s Joyful Mysteries to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Sign-up information on this most Blessed Prayer Event will be available shortly!
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, August 12
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)

Monday, August 13
1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)
7-9p - St. Irene School New Family Orientation (ACL)

Tuesday, August 14
7:30-8:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)

Wednesday, August 15

Thursday, August 16
7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

Friday, August 17

Saturday, August 18

Sunday, August 19
11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
This workshop is for anyone who ministers to minors at St. Irene Parish.
The next workshop at St. Irene is Tuesday, August 28th at 6:30PM in the ACL.
Registration for the classes can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.
Registration is required. If unable to do online, please call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.

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.

Calling all kids...and kids at heart!
Announcing the 17th Annual St. Irene

FUN FAIR!

Saturday, August 25th
11AM-3PM
St. Irene School and Church Grounds
Warren Avenue & Warrenville Road
Plenty of exciting activities planned for all ages, plus great prizes and lots of delicious food!
Inflatables, Games, Raffles, Silent Auction and MUCH, MUCH MORE!
Come out for a day of affordable family fun.
Games and food are priced from 25¢ - $5. So bring a friend and come join in the fun!

This event is sponsored by the St. Irene PACE organization.

Healing Horizons is a parish support group where people help people through the 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 on Wednesday, 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.

It’s Almost Time to “unWined”!
Wine Tasting to benefit St. Irene on Sunday, September 30th
3-4:30PM or 5-6:30PM
Bar Evolution - Batavia
Tickets will go on sale after all Masses beginning September 1st.
Gather your friends! See you there!
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.

Joe Gattone
Jean Roe
Robert Neameyer
Javier Tecuatl
Paula Peterson
Patricia Hogan
Mary Hughes
Bernie Malovany
Paige C. Robertson

Bev Oliveri
Patti Menconi
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Barb Houston
Paula Lopat
Colette Malovany
Charlie Fahrenwald

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, August 13
Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
7:00AM - Jim Winter/ Friends

Tuesday, August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe
7:00AM - Thomas M. Stoneberg/ St. Irene Community

Wednesday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
7:00AM - John Cagle/ 1st Anniversary
Loretta Paver/ Family
7:00PM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, August 16
St. Stephen of Hungary
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 17
Weekday
7:00AM - Ralph Tym/ St. Irene Community

Saturday, August 18
Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Phil Kemp/ Mary Hafertepe

Sunday, August 19
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Phil Kemp/ Lichtenberg Family
10:00AM - Jack Spence, Jr./ Carol & Ken Sweder
Fr. Tom Sularz/ Babs & John Cleary
Josephine Allen/ Meyers Family
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Deployed
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Holloman, NM
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
Lance Cpl. Quin Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Ginovsky - 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
Sgt. Thomas Raspliska - Fort Bliss, Texas

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3-4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bce-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58