WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE THEM ON THE LAST DAY.

John 6:54
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 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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Staff Directory

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

As a boy, I was often sent to Kauder’s Bakery on the corner of Preston and Ensor Streets in Baltimore. There was nothing like the variety of breads today, but whether it was white, rye, or Vienna, the smell of fresh-baked bread and especially the crunch of the crust stays with me more than sixty years later.

Kauder’s came to mind after reading today’s Gospel. Biblical scholars point out that the crowds would have been appalled at Jesus’ words: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:53). The word used for “eat” is a very physical word, the equivalent of munching or chewing. To hear “eat my flesh” would have been repulsive. An invitation to cannibalism! The same with “drink my blood.” Jewish law was very clear that no blood should remain in any animal slaughtered for eating. Blood was the “seat of life” and life belonged only to God.

But this is precisely the point. Behind this “sign” is God’s wondrous life-giving plan: to bring us into intimate communion when we partake of the very life of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. We are not to get drunk on the wine of this world but on the divinized drink of everlasting life. Not mundane manna but the bread that mediates an encounter with the Lord of our salvation. This is truly Wisdom’s house, where we eat both the bread of God’s word and the bread that is the Lamb of God.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: Lord Jesus, you call us to the banquet table to eat the food that will nourish us for eternal life, bringing us into communion with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Give us an appetite for this food you so generously offer. May we not turn away from it for other food that neither nourishes nor satisfies.

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Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city’s streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city’s selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn’t please the mob, and the mother superior didn’t help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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.

School is About to Start!

Have You Registered for RE?

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

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.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

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.
Some things about human nature don’t change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today’s first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel’s central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the “Bread of Life” discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

♦ Ann Elgar
Mother of Joan Geinosky
♦ Delores Sindewald
Mother of Bill Sindewald

St. Irene’s Senior LunchBunch Ministry
POTLUCK BINGO
September 6, 2018
11:30AM– 2PM in the Lower Activity Center
Fee: $3 each
Please bring the following dish if your last name begins with:
A-I: desserts/jello/fruit
J-R: main dish – pastas, meats, casseroles, etc.
S-Z: vegetables (including vegetable casseroles), Salads, side dishes

Remember Food Items Can Be Store Bought!
Beverages/coffee will be supplied.
Come join us and see what exciting programs we have for the upcoming year!
Any questions please contact Anna Saake @630.456.0644 or anna@saake.net
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday → 9AM-3PM
Friday → 9AM-12PM
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
bodonnell@st-raphael.com

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.

Can you help our Bridge Family?

Our Bridge family needs clothing for the fall and winter months. Gently used or new clothing would be most appreciated. If you would prefer to donate a gift card for clothing that would also be appreciated. Please call Lisa Gruneisen 630.881.0213 if you have any questions and to arrange pick up of items. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

♦ Mom – size M: Black leggings
♦ Boy - size 10: Athletic sweatpants & P.J.’s. Gym shoes and winter boots – size 4
♦ Girl – size 7-8: Leggings, long sleeve shirts, tights, skirts, sweaters, P.J.’s, solid colored cotton underwear, Gym shoes & winter boots – size 13
♦ Boy - size 3T : Jeans, sweatpants, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, P.J.’s

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

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!

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## This Week’s Meetings

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

### Monday, August 20
8-11a - St. Irene School Supply Day (S)  
1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)  
7-9p - Parish Council (Staff)

### Tuesday, August 21
8a-2:45p - St. Irene School First Day of School (S)  
8-10a - Boo-Hoo/ Yahoo Breakfast (ACL)

### Wednesday, August 22
6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

### Thursday, August 23

### Friday, August 24
3-9p - PACE (S, AC)

### Saturday, August 25
11a-3p - Fun Fair (AC, S)

### Sunday, August 26

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**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.

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**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](http://www.virtusonline.org). Select Diocese of Joliet - St. Irene and then select the date to register.  
Registration is required. If unable to do online, call Pamela at 630.393.2400 x 120.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, August 20  
St. Bernard

7:00AM - Elizabeth Milota/ St. Irene Community

Tuesday, August 21  
St. Pius X

7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Wednesday, August 22  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM - Anton Antiporek/ Fr. Jim

Thursday, August 23  
St. Rose of Lima

7:00AM - Craig Farmer/ Mom & Dad  
Meg Higgins/ Friends

7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 24  
St. Bartholomew

7:00AM - For the Healing of Our Friends & Family

Saturday, August 25  
Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family  
Carol Proft/ Sullivan Family  
Sylvia Meyer / Sullivan Family  
Charles & Lorraine Heyer/ Sullivan Family

Sunday, August 26  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM - John Kaduk/ Jean & Larry Johnson  
10:00AM - Jack Spence, Jr./ Carol & Ken Sweder  
John Cleary/ Babs & John Cleary

11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

Readings for the Week

Monday:  
Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21;  
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:  
Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-33; 30,  
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:  
Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:  
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

Saturday:  
Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday:  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b;  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Help Fill Our Food Pantry Shelves

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.

Help Fill Our Food Pantry Shelves

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Deployed  
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed  
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX

1stLt. Keegan Loheny USMC - Camp Pendelton  
Lance Cpl. Quin Loheny USMC - Camp Pendelton  
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  
Sgt. Thomas Rasplica - Fort Bliss, Texas