Humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b
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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LIVING GOD’S WORD: They say we learn more from example than we do from words. Today we are blessed to be going back to school with the very best of teachers, Jesus, who was the model “doer of the word” (James 1:22). If we want to know how to “do justice,” all we need to do is imitate our favorite teacher.

—Virginia Stillwell

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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 - 27 N. River Street, Batavia
8 wines to taste
Tickets will go on sale after all Masses beginning September 1st. $25 per ticket
Tickets are limited!
Any questions? Call Maria Rook @ 630.781.6100.

Gather your friends! See you there!
When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedicaton directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the mensa, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ. From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
♦ Hear the decrees which I am teaching you.

Background: For the authors of Deuteronomy, Israel’s tragic situation was the result of its infidelity and disobedience. The solution to Israel’s problem was conversion and obedience. Israel’s greatness lies not in its own strength but in God who remains faithful.

Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
♦ Welcome the word which has taken root in you.

Background: The Letter of James encourages us to welcome the word that has been planted in us. We are the first fruit of God’s new creation and thus set apart for God. The evidence of this new life is seen in how we deal with others.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
♦ This people pays me lip service.

Background: The Pharisees in today’s Gospel were especially concerned with food laws and purity laws because these were what distinguished Israel from the Gentile nations. Jesus points out that some of the things many Pharisees cling to so tenaciously are human traditions and not the law of God. The more serious matter is God’s command to love one’s neighbor.

Theme: Your heart must be full of faith.

Question for Adults:
Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one’s life that faith is present?

Question for Youth:
Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

Question for Children:
What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers. —Anonymous

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lee Westrom, Fire Marshal of the Warrenville Fire Protection District. I would like to make all of you aware of a program that we have developed here at the WFPD.

We have partnered with the Red Cross and are offering, for free, 10-year smoke detectors to all seniors and families within the Fire Protection District. We have an unlimited supply available to us; we are beginning to install them in the homes of senior citizens and families in need.

We are hoping, with your help, we can get names and contact information for people whose detectors may be in need of replacement, or who need new smoke detectors. Once contact is made, we will make an appointment to inspect the current smoke detectors and if they are past their 10 year expectancy, are malfunctioning or nonexistent; we will replace the detector with a new 10-year battery smoke detector. We can also change batteries in good operating detectors. The only caveat to the program is that we do not have, at our disposal, "hard wired" detectors or carbon monoxide detectors—but we will install these if they have been purchased by the homeowner.

We are in need of names of people in your congregation that are in need of this service. Again, we will install - by appointment - free of charge, new 10-year smoke detectors to replace old, outdated or nonexistent detectors.

To date, 150 homes have had smoke detectors installed and these contacts have been accomplished through my presentations to groups, recommendations by our employees or by word of mouth. We currently have exhausted our list of homes/contacts. We would love your help to add names to the list, so that we can install the smoke detectors.

Please contact me at the Warrenville FPD with any names or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lee Westrom
Fire Marshal, Warrenville FPD
630.393.2175
Attention Community 1st Responders!
St. Irene Church will give all Emergency Personnel of the Community a special Blessing and thank you after all 3 Masses next weekend: September 8th at 5PM and September 9th at 8AM & 10AM! Light Hospitality in the Activity Center will be hosted after the Sunday Morning Masses! Please attend and proudly wear your uniform!

Mark your calendars and bring a blanket! Come be family with us and discover who we are.

♦ When? Following 10AM Mass on Sunday, September 23
♦ Where? On Fr. Jim’s lawn
♦ Who? All St. Irene family and friends
♦ What? Our Knights of Columbus will be grilling hot dogs for all. Chips, watermelon, lemonade and dessert will be served.
♦ Why? Let’s kickoff the fall season with fellowship, games and lots of fun!

Want to be part of the planning fun? Call the parish office at 630.393.2400, x110.

OCTOBER 13th
ROSARY PRAYER RALLY

St. Irene is partnering again with St. Thomas for this year’s Fatima Rosary Prayer Rally, Saturday, Oct. 13th at 12pm. On that day, it’s anticipated 23,000 Prayer Chains will be created across the country. 200 people signed up last year, and we’re hoping to top that number! All who participated will agree that the 40-minute Prayer Event was a most blessed experience. There are 11 Prayer Stations to choose from, set up along a route connecting both parishes. We’re excited this year that one of the Prayer Stations will pray the Rosary in Spanish! Please join us in responding to Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for the Conversion of sinners, and World Peace. Sign up in the Narthex or via email. Check the Bulletin and Parish Website for more details.

Dear St. Irene Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our recent mission trip in southern Indiana with Catholic Heart Work Camp. We had an AMAZING time! I want you to be encouraged that God moved in a deeply impactful way with all of us. Our kids came home with a new perspective on their lives.
♦ They came home with a better understanding of our call to service.
♦ They came home with a fuller awareness of God’s love.
♦ They came home with a better appreciation of our liturgy.
♦ They came home with new friendships.
♦ They came home CHANGED!

Our work throughout the community entailed clearing hiking paths for a special needs camp, building ramps and hanging drywall for Habitat for Humanity, painting fences and polishing pews at the monastery, and playing games with the elderly. Here is what the kids had to say:
♦ “It was a great experience. I met a lot of cool people. I got to serve Mass. I liked the sermons because they were energetic.” ~Marco
♦ “The change that going to CHWC made in my life in unreal. Being able to meet tons of new people and become close to them in a week is such an amazing experience because those people make a big impact in your life. When I got home from CHWC I wanted to go right back!” ~Megan
♦ “What I liked most about the mission trip was meeting all the new people and helping the community.” ~Trevor
♦ “I’m definitely doing this again next year!” ~Emily

Again, we thank you.
Without the support of our parish this experience would not have happened!
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, September 2**

**Monday, September 3**

**Tuesday, September 4**
- 6-9p - School Curriculum Night (S)

**Wednesday, September 5**
- 6-9p - School Curriculum Night (S)
- 6:30-8:30p - Catechist Training (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, September 6**
- 11:30a-2p - Seniors & Friends (ACL)
- 6-9p - School Curriculum Night (S)
- 7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

**Friday, September 7**

**Saturday, September 8**

**Sunday, September 9**
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)
- 11a-12p - RCIA Inquiry Session (Parish Center)

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

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

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:5-33-39

**Saturday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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**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 & PJ’s. Gym shoes and winter boots – size 4  
- **Girl – size 7-8:** Leggings, long sleeve shirts, tights, skirts, sweaters, PJ’s, solid colored cotton underwear, Gym shoes & winter boots – size 13  
- **Boy – size 3T:** Jeans, sweatpants, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, PJ’s
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

- **Monday, September 3**
  - St. Gregory the Great
  - 9:00AM - Terry Pavel/ Meyers Family

- **Tuesday, September 4**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

- **Wednesday, September 5**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Ann Elgar/ Daughter Joan

- **Thursday, September 6**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Florence Motyka/ Fr. Jim
  - 7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

- **Friday, September 7**
  - Weekday; First Friday
  - 7:00AM - Allan Harris/ Joan Harris

- **Saturday, September 8**
  - Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family
  - Thomas Catan Zaro/ Carl & Alexandra
  - Alicia Torres/ Young Family

- **Sunday, September 9**
  - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 8:00AM - St. Irene Community
  - 10:00AM - Birthday/Anniversary Mass
  - Joseph Taschetta, Jr./ St. Irene Community
  - Josephine Allen/ 8th Grade Moms
  - Fr. Tom White/ Friends

CCW's Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair will take place Saturday, November 3, 9AM-3PM.

We are always seeking crafters of all kinds to participate in this fun annual fundraiser. Interested? Please contact Loraine Nemo at 630.961.0930 or LoraineQuilts@yahoo.com.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is that time of year when the Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary is asking for your help to restock the food pantry. Following all Masses on the weekend of 9/22/18 and 9/23/18, we will be handing out bags with a list of items needed for our food pantry. We will collect your donations the weekend of 9/29/18 and 9/30/18. Your help and support is greatly appreciated - we couldn’t do it without you! Thank you!

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Deployed
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
Lance Cpl. Quin Lohenry 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
Sgt. Thomas Raspicka - Fort Bliss, Texas