Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

September 9, 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 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: Lord, open our ears to hear the many ways you speak to us in our lives, to listen for the gentle sound of your voice that often comes to us in stillness. May we be still and know that you are our God, ever ready and desiring to draw closer.

ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove
1PM Shotgun Start
For registration or more information or to help, contact Scott Reid or Shannon Nevins at saint.irene.athleticboard@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM  -  Saturday: 5PM  -  Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a
♦ Be strong! Fear not!

Background: Today's reading from Isaiah looks forward to a coming age of glory, when all Israel's infirmities will be abolished. This will be the age of the Messiah: God's Anointed One, who comes to bring salvation to Israel. The power of evil will no longer manifest itself in sickness or afflictions of any kind.

Reading II: James 2:1-5
♦ Did not God choose the poor to become rich in faith?

Background: The reading from James draws our attention to affliction and oppression. If you shun people with physical impairments and those who are poor, you have missed Jesus' message. Faith in Jesus is expressed by working to free oppressed people.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
♦ He makes the deaf hear!

Background: Today's Gospel story portrays Jesus' healing as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. The deaf man with the speech impairment who is brought to Jesus is a Gentile. The man is healed when Jesus touches the parts of him that are weak and impaired.

Theme: Opening up to the power of Jesus.

Question for Adults:
What ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?

Question for Youth:
Who are the people in our world today who sometimes go unnoticed? What could you do to help them?

Question for Children:
How do you shun others whom you don't like?

Looking for a few good men or women to help with St. Irene’s Seniors Luncheon!

We meet on the first Thursday of each month except for January, June & July from 11:30AM-2PM in the lower activity center (ACL).

Perhaps you are home and have some spare time to help with our ministry – either before to setup or after to cleanup. Or perhaps you would love to help decorate for the Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 5th after 8PM or help at the Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 6th.

If so, please call Anna @ 630.456.0644 (texts are welcomed too) or email me at anna@saake.net and we can discuss what you could do for a wonderful ministry that serves our Senior Citizens at St. Irene Parish!

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 information, contact Gina at 815.221.6229 or ggiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org.

DAVID IS THE PARADIGMATIC KING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King par excellence, Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden. He was called to govern the garden according to God's mind and purpose, but by allowing negative influences to wreak havoc on Eden, he did not fulfill his kingly responsibility.

Long after Adam, David emerged as the definitive king who would restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But like Adam, David fell, and his reign ushered in a succession of compromised kings and rejected prophets. The New Testament, however, foretold a son of David who would realize the fullness of Israeliite kingship...but whose actual reign defied expectation.

King David causes us to look back toward Adam's kingship and forward toward Christ the King, seeing Christ as the fulfillment of the Davidic line and the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Join us on selected Mondays at 1PM or 7PM in the ACL.
♦ September 17, 24
♦ October 1, 15, 22, 29

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.
—Marcus Aurelius
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. 

Adults who are interested in completing the sacraments of Christian Initiation or who would like information about the process of becoming a Catholic Christian, are invited to attend an Inquiry session which will be held Sunday, Sept. 9th in the Parish Center following the 10AM Mass. You may also contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122.

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. 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.

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.

Volunteer Mentors needed for the LINK mentoring program through Warrenville Youth and Family Services

LINK mentoring is in need of your support and involvement. If you are an adult who is interested in working one-on-one with a Warrenville student, we would love to have you join us as a mentor this school year. The mentoring program matches a student aged 10-17 with a volunteer mentor meeting twice monthly at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Wednesday from 6:30-8PM. On off weeks you keep in contact with your student in person or by phone to maintain your friendship. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting volunteer opportunity, contact Leslee Cremer at 630.393.7057 x 22 or lcremer@outreachcommin.org.
### This Week’s Meetings

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

#### Monday, September 10
- 7-8:30p - Faith Formation Board (ACL)

#### Tuesday, September 11
- 7-9p - School Board (HF)
- 7:30-8:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)

#### Wednesday, September 12
- 8:30-11a - PACE (ACL)
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

#### Thursday, September 13
- 6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

#### Friday, September 14
- 12-1p - Wedding Rehearsal (C)
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)

#### Saturday, September 15

#### Sunday, September 16
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)
- 11a-12p - RCIA (ACL)

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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!**

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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 was 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!
**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.

Don Clevenger, Jr.  
Phelan Welch  
Stephen Coleman  
Joe Gattone  
Jean Roe  
Roberta Neameyer  
Javier Tecuall  
Paula Peterson  
Patricia Hogan  
Mary Hughes  
Bernie Malovany

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, September 10**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - Amelia Jung/ Marge Steinhoff

**Tuesday, September 11**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - Jerome Stanisz/ 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday, September 12**  
The Most Holy Name of Mary  
7:00AM - Walter Antiporek/ Fr. Jim

**Thursday, September 13**  
St. John Chrysostom  
7:00AM - Joel Mersmann/ St. Irene Community  
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, September 14**  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
7:00AM - Delores Sindewald/ St. Irene Community  
8:15AM - Ron Battaglia/ Battaglia Family

**Saturday, September 15**  
Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2:30PM - Wedding Mass  
Sagrario Montagner & David Sivesind  
5:00PM - William Mangini/ Family  
Mary & John Cappiello/ Family

**Sunday, September 16**  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM - Walter & Sophie Antiporek/ Fr. Jim  
10:00AM - Laura Shutock/ Gruneisen Family  
Fred Einsle/ Family

**Readings for the Week**

Monday:  
1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday:  
1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday:  
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday:  
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday:  
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Saturday:  
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Sunday:  
Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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!