IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, and follow me.

MARK 8:34
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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Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM

Reflecting on God’s Word

Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the disciples. Beginning with this event, Jesus begins to educate them about what it means to be His disciple. He starts with the basics: Who He is. Like a good teacher, He engages them in a discussion, asking two questions, going from the easier one to the more demanding one: Who do others say I am? Who do you say I am?

The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one gets only Peter’s response. By saying “You are the Christ” (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to restore Israel’s political kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But this was not to be.

Jesus counters Peter by speaking of Himself as the Son of Man who must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days.

Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind Him. Peter is blocking His way, like an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (Satan), preventing Jesus from going in the direction He is heading.

Peter had learned about a Messiah of power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah, not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross.

But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer His question: Who do you say that I am?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We pray that we come to know who Jesus is and how He is calling us to enter into His ministry to bring life to our world. We pray that we might better understand what we need to die to, so that God’s reign might become more present in our world.
Mass of the Holy Spirit

As Bishop Barron said, “in this time of crisis, I ask you to fight--not violently, with the weapons of the world, but with the weapons of the Spirit. We need you.” It is time for us to call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to sanctify her church.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 7PM for this special Mass of the Holy Spirit.

We call upon the Holy Spirit to rain down the gifts of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. We praise God for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our people at St. Irene; those who perform community service; ministers at Mass; fundraisers; ministry leaders and participants; every person who worships God in our community. All of the many gifts and talents freely given by God are returned to Him with the gifts our time, talent and treasure.

Every person, every gift makes St. Irene Parish and School a warm, welcoming, loving community of faith drawing others to Christ.

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RE Orientation is THIS Week!

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

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

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Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

♦ John Kurhajetz
Brother of Carole Kleinwachter

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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.

In this country, we don’t name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn’t take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a
♦ The Lord God is my help.

Background: The first reading from the prophet Isaiah is from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The servant acts as a prophet to bring the word of God to those with afflictions. Even when the cost is great, the servant is faithful to his mission.

Reading II: James 2:14-18
♦ What good is it to say you believe, if you don’t practice it?

Background: The reading from the Letter of James tells us that faith without works is dead. Such a faith does not lead to life. The kinds of works that Jesus calls us to can be done if we walk in the way of Jesus, with the grace of God as our help.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
♦ Who do you say that I am?

Background: Jesus knew that the way of suffering, death and resurrection was predestined for Him by God. Through this as in all things, God His Father would be His help. Followers of Jesus are called to deny themselves by actively responding to the needs of others, even if the cost is one’s life.

Theme: We are called to carry our crosses.

Question for Adults:
What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

Question for Youth:
Who do you say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in your life?

Question for Children:
What do you think it means for you to follow in Jesus’s footsteps?

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn’t get on its knees.
—Anonymous

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 Israelite 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

BUNCO – 10/13/18

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary will be hosting a fun filled evening of food, beverages, and of course BUNCO. The proceeds for this event will be donated to the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Mark your calendars, and save the date for Saturday, October 13th at 6:30PM. Won’t you join us in the fun and helping a great organization at the same time?

Bridge Needs Volunteers

We have an empty apartment and a homeless family desperate to occupy it but we need mentors to teach them financial self-reliance. Please consider whether you could help. We have two experienced mentors but need two more. We will train you and explain everything you need to know. The Committee provides whatever support the mentors need. It is a 2-year commitment to meet with the family each week for an hour in an apartment a few miles from St. Irene to provide life coaching. Graduates of the program receive the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Please help.

For more information, please contact Tim Delaney at quinndel@aol.com.

hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com
Our Church is in Crisis

The news of the McCarrick abuse crisis, the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report, and the recent report from Archbishop Vigano have us filled with grief and anger. Our hearts and prayers are with the abuse victims of these horrific acts of violence. We believe Bishop Robert Barron’s candid conversation on these issues addresses the evil that is threatening to destroy our church. Do you believe in the power of prayer? We need to come together and raise our voices in prayer asking God to purify His church and bring truth to light and justice to those devastated by these violent acts.

Bishop Barron’s conversation can be found at his WORD on Fire ministry Facebook page:


This video will provide inspiration for our prayer and direction for our actions.

Enclosed in this week’s bulletin are the Novena Prayers that will begin on Monday, September 17th for our church.

Why Remain Catholic? (with so much scandal)

You might be asking “Why should I remain Catholic amidst all the scandal?” Bishop Robert Barron gives an inspired answer to this question in a video that can be found at:


You can also go to wordonfire.org and scroll down to the “Latest” section and click on the third picture, of Bishop Barron speaking, to find this video.

Bishop Barron calls each of us to be the “faithful” whose prayers and sacrifice bring holiness, healing and justice to God’s church. As St. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. (John 6:68)”

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!

Catholic Elementary School Educators Needed

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary Schools are seeking passionate and committed professional educators to fill the positions outlined below. Applicants must possess appropriate state licensure and be devout Catholics who have a passion for and commitment to Catholic Education.

♦ Full-time JHS Science Teacher: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, Naperville
♦ Full-time grade 4/5 Science and Religion Teacher: St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic School, Downers Grove
♦ Part-time Social Worker / Guidance Counselor: Holy Family Catholic School, Bensenville
♦ Part time Instructional Assistant (Preschool): St. Matthew Catholic School, Glendale Heights
♦ Part-time Spanish Teacher: St. Joseph Catholic School, Lockport
♦ Part-time Technology Coordinator / Teacher: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School, Romeoville
♦ Part-time Aimsweb Resource Teacher (1 day per week): St. Joseph Catholic School, Manhattan

Please apply online at www.applitrack.com/diocecesojolietonlineapp
Should you have questions, please contact Karen Udell at 815.221.6123.

Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse should first contact civil authorities (local police and/or Illinois Department of Child and Family Services at 1.800.25ABUSE). Then, if the allegation involves a priest or other agent of the Church, contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815.263.6467.

Box Tops: St. Irene School needs your support! Please turn in box tops to the marked container in the entryway of church. Every box top counts and helps support our school! Box tops are found on many products and do expire so please turn them in frequently. Please direct any questions to Jen at ripple1221@yahoo.com. Thank you!
### This Week’s Meetings

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### 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 September 20th. Bring a friend… all are welcome! For more info, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday**: 1 Cor 11:17-26, Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday**: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday**: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday**: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Friday**: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Saturday**: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Sunday**: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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### 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.

### 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!**

### 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.
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 17
St. Robert Bellarmine
7:00AM - Ted Mlsna/ Family

Tuesday, September 18
Weekday
7:00AM - Matthew Hamilton/ 1st Anniversary
William Mulcahy/ Family
Brian Cleary/ Smith Family

Wednesday, September 19
St. Januarius
7:00AM - For Those Who Attend 7AM Mass

Thursday, September 20
Ss. Andrew Kim Taegôn and Paul Chông Ha-sang
7:00AM - Fr. George Kuryvial/ St. Irene Community
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 21
St. Matthew
7:00AM - Phil Kemp/ Deacon Joe & Dianne Urso
8:15AM - Ron Battaglia/ Battaglia Family

Saturday, September 22
Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1:00PM - Baptism Ceremony
5:00PM - Phil Kemp/ Anita Masters
Craig Farmer/ Mom & Dad
Miguel Lopez/ Cella Apreza

Sunday, September 23
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Margaret Hatch/ Cindy & Bob Stoothoff
Rose Palys/ Family
10:00AM - RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Walter Grych/ Family
Brian Cleary/ Cleary Family
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

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.