Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.

Mark 9:37
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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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

The disciples may have been a bit slow to understand how Jesus was re-defining the Messiah he was going to be, but they were not stupid on all accounts. They picked up on the reaction Peter got when he rebuked Jesus for talking about suffering rejection and death. So, when Jesus brought up the subject for a second time in today’s Gospel, they just listened politely, then dropped back out of earshot and changed the subject to a more pleasant one—themselves, and who was the greatest.

Things must have gotten quite animated because when they got home, Jesus asked about it. Their silence surely disappointed Him, since He could surmise what had engaged them. But like a good teacher, He tries another way to make His point. There must have been a child nearby, because He calls her over and places His arms protectively around her, and says to them, “If you want to be first, then be last. If you want to be in charge, then serve. When you take in the least, you take in not only me but my Father.” Class dismissed.

It has proved a hard lesson to learn. Or maybe few of us really want to learn it. When you look out at the world, most seem to want to be first, the greatest, the one with the most and best toys, a wielder of power and influence and authority. Choosing to serve the least doesn’t make the top ten on most people’s “to do” list.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: Lord, help us to follow your call by serving the “little ones,” especially those more likely to be subject to the cruelty and indifference of the world. Sustain us in this work with the assurance that when we receive them, we receive not only you but the One who sent you.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary are handing out bags with a list of items needed to restock 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!

MASS SCHEDULE

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
Our Family Faith Formation program kicked off this week! Please join us for our Family Mass of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, September 25 at 7PM in church. We will call upon the Holy Spirit's gifts and fruits to be present in all our ministries and formation at St. Irene.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
♦ Gospel of Mark 9:30-37 Jesus explains that He will suffer and die, but the disciples are too afraid of what He is saying to question Him about it. Instead, they focus on which one of them is the most important. Jesus tells them that if they want to be great, they must be humble and serve others.

Gospel Questions:
♦ What does Jesus teach us by His welcoming a child?
♦ Who does Jesus say is the greatest?

Life Questions:
♦ How do you make others feel welcome?
♦ How do you serve others?
♦ What makes a good friend?

Family Prayer:
♦ Lord, help us to see You when we see people in need.

The POWER of PRAYER - Today is day 7 of our 9 day Novena for our Church in Crisis. Please continue to pray each day with your family. Our Novena will end on Tuesday, September 25th at the Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7PM. Please join us as we raise our voice in prayer calling upon the Holy Spirit to be fully present in our Church and in all we do at St. Irene.

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 of 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.

Mass on the Grass Blessing of Animals
Join us in celebrating St. Francis’ love for animals and creation with Mass on the Grass and a Special Blessing for all pets! YES, your pets are welcome to join us on Fr. Jim’s front lawn on October 7th for the 10AM Mass! Bring a blanket and some chairs as well as your beloved pets for this special occasion! All are welcome!

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the “Mother School” of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in “national parishes,” were established to preserve the culture and language of the “old country,” and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded “separate schools” were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
♦ God will take care of him.

Background: The poetry of the Book of Wisdom was written for Jews suffering persecution. The just individual is persecuted by the wicked for trying to live faithfully to God’s law. The first reading compliments today’s Gospel in which Jesus tells of His own suffering and death.

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3
♦ Where does conflict among you originate?

Background: James is very clear about the qualities that we can use to judge the source of a person’s wisdom. Jealousy and disorder are not in accord with God’s righteousness. James describes the proper conduct of those who try to live in accord with God’s ways.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
♦ All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

Background: Today’s Gospel begins with Jesus foretelling His suffering, death and resurrection. The disciples do not understand. Then Jesus sits down to teach them about serving others. Jesus welcomes a child into His arms to teach the disciples that to rank first, one must be the last of all.

Theme: We are called to serve others.

Question for Adults:
Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

Question for Youth:
Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Children:
What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Living Rosary
Join us as we pray the Living Rosary on Tuesday, October 16th at 7PM in the Church. If you would like to participate by leading one of the prayers, please phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or sign up on the sheets in the back of the church.

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 help 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

Catholic Charismatic Healing Mass - This Mass will take place at St. Margaret Mary Church in Naperville on Friday, September 28th. Father Paul Hottinger will preside. Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 6:30PM followed by Mass at 7:30PM. For more information, please call Joey Rose at 630.926.6576.

Come and See - Are you searching for something more in life? A community of faith in which to grow? If you are a woman 40-60 years old, married, single, divorced, or widowed please consider joining the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. Join us for a light lunch at 12:30PM on Sunday, Sept. 30th in Batavia. RSVP to Kathy at sscm.vocations@gmail.com or 815.814.1414 by Friday, Sept. 28th.

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

Join us for a light lunch at 12:30PM on Sunday, Sept. 30th in Batavia. RSVP to Kathy at sscm.vocations@gmail.com or 815.814.1414 by Friday, Sept. 28th.
The KC-6710, VFW Post 808, the Lions Club and the American Legion Post 589 are sponsoring a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, September 29th from 7-11:30AM in the ACL. Make an appointment at www.heartlandbc.org. There will be a full breakfast. Photo ID is required. For more information, please call Joe at 630.876.1136. Walk-ins Are Welcome!

If you can not make it go to the nearest regional center and give them our number SPON102267 and we will get credit.

Blood Drive

Our school year just started, but they are busy across the courtyard. For our first day of school, it rained to the east, the south, the west and the north, but here at St. Irene, through divine intervention, it was dry. Fr. Jim opened up day one with prayer for students, teachers and parents. Readings were read by our Eighth Graders and Alumna. Following that, our new American Flag was raised, donated by our own Knights of Columbus, while students, teachers and parents recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, flanked by Eighth Graders and surrounded by bubbles, our students entered Door 1 to start the 2018/19 year. Volleyball and Cross Country are in full swing. Go Panthers!

WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE OUR ALUMNI ARE! It is impressive how many 2nd and 3rd generation families we have. Some families will drive a great distance to make sure the tradition continues. If you went to St. Irene School, or your children attended, we would like to build a historical database, with contact information, high school and career choices, etc. We would also like to hear how your St. Irene School foundation helped you pave your path, or any funny story that you remember. Please email the school at SaintIreneSchool@aol.com with this important information.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE! Please visit our new school website for up-to-date school information. You can also view our new video highlighting the school and church. This is the same video that is being shown on the big screen at the Cascade Drive-in in West Chicago. www.st-ireneschool.org

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 are on sale after all Masses - $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/dioceseofjoliet/onlineapp
Should you have questions, please contact Karen Udell at 815.221.6123.

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**

**Sunday, September 23**

**Monday, September 24**

**Tuesday, September 25**

**Wednesday, September 26**

12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
7-8p - Prayers Shawl Ministry (Parish Center)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, September 27**

6-10p - KC Officer’s Meeting (ACL)
6:15-7:15p - Wedding Rehearsal (C)

**Friday, September 28**

12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)

**Saturday, September 29**

7-11:30a - KC Blood Drive (ACL)
8-10a - KC Color Guard (ACU)

**Sunday, September 30**

11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)
3-4:30p - UnWined (Off Site)
5-6:30p - UnWined (Off Site)

**Readings for the Week**

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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.

**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 Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This ministry makes and distributes shawls for people in need of comfort. Many blessing are prayed into each shawl before it is given. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted, affirmed, and their days made brighter by knowing they are being remembered and prayed for. For more information about receiving a shawl, or to help knit/crochet shawls, please contact Paula Peterson at 630.393.3989 or paula.lp.petersen@gmail.com.

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 7PM in the Parish Center.
**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.

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**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, September 24**
Weekday

7:00AM - Joseph Manna/ Fr. Jim

**Tuesday, September 25**
Weekday

7:00AM - Jorge Hernandez/ Kristin Kocan
7:00PM - Mass of the Holy Spirit

**Wednesday, September 26**

SS. Cosmas and Damian

7:00AM - Keith Lambert/ Mary

**Thursday, September 27**
St. Vincent de Paul

7:00AM - Pat Jackowiak - Birthday/ Fr. Jim
Terrance Hussey/ Sr. Sheila & Gary

**Friday, September 28**
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus

7:00AM - Joan Goblet/ 1st Anniversary
8:15AM - Intentions of Roberta Neuymer
3:00PM - Wedding Ceremony
Martin Patton/ Friends

**Saturday, September 29**
Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM - Phil Kemp/ Jean DeLuca

**Sunday, September 30**
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad
JJ Macphee/ J. & Papa
10:00AM - 50th Renewal of Vows - Don & Paula Lopat
Lopat Family Relatives Living & Deceased
Patt Sulima - 90th Birthday!
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

We need coverage for ALL hours of adoration which runs from 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.

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**Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers**

- Mariah DeLuna

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**We Express Our Gratitude to Those Who Serve Our Country**

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