Any who give you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41
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.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We ask for the discernment to recognize when God is working in unexpected ways through unexpected people who do unexpected things...and for the wisdom to distinguish the wise from the wacky, much less the wicked. And we pray both that we never let ourselves fall from grace or lead another away from God.

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.  
St. Francis de Sales
Looking for someone to organize and run the Senior Ministry at St. Irene!

We currently meet on the first Thursday of each month except for January, June, and July from 11:30AM-2PM in the ACL. This could be a “group” effort or 2 people at a time or perhaps another ministry in the parish would like to oversee this. Perhaps you are home and have some spare time to organize this ministry.

Don’t let this ministry fall! I am no longer able to serve – but I know there is someone in our parish who could serve these wonderful parishioners!

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.

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!

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, October 19
at 7PM in the ACL

Please join us for a night of fun making a Fall Ball Jar Votive.
A fee of $5 will be collected to cover the cost of the supplies.
RSVP to Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543 or cakott1210@att.net.

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.

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of “Anglicizing” the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of “hedge schools.” In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and “civil disobedience” ruled the day.

In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29
♦ Moses shared his gifts among the people.

Background: The first reading from Numbers addresses the individuals who assisted Moses in the leadership of the people. The seventy elders have authority because God’s Spirit has been bestowed on them. Moses reminds Joshua that the focus is to be on God and not on earthly leaders.

Reading II: James 5:1-6
♦ Let the rich be warned!

Background: The letter from James reprimands Christians for their excessive concern with earthly riches. These have become an obstacle to their faith. Not only are they inordinately possessive of what they have accumulated, but they have grown rich at the expense of others.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
♦ Anyone who is not against us is for us.

Background: John presumes that any person who is not part of the apostle’s group should not invoke Jesus’ name in ministry. Jesus points out that anyone who recognizes His name, whether or not the person belongs to the community, will be rewarded because the person honors Jesus’ name. In the latter part of the passage Jesus uses highly figurative language to emphasize that nothing is more important than belonging to the reign of God, no matter what the cost.

Theme: God wants us to be just and right.

Question for Adults:
In today’s worldwide community, who are the rich and what does God want of them?

Question for Youth:
Who are the people you have met who are against you? Are there people who persecute you because of your faith? How do you treat these people?

Question for Children:
In what specific ways do you share with the poor from what you have been given?

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?

Religious Education classes meet on Tuesday, October 2 (Gr 1-6 and First Reconciliation Preparation in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, October 3 (Gr 7-8, HS, Confirmation Preparation in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM and on Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

Join us next Sunday for Mass on the Grass. Our 10AM Mass on October 7, will be held on Fr. Jim’s lawn. This is a Pet Blessing Mass in honor of St. Francis’ love of animals and creation. Bring your pets, a blanket or lawn chairs for this special liturgy.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Religious Education class on October 16 is a Family Event, the Living Rosary. Please practice the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers with your children. These prayers can be found in the back of your child’s new Bible.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
♦ Gospel of Mark 9:38-43;45;47-48
Jesus reminds us that whoever is not against us is for us. This is a good reminder to treat anyone who brings Jesus to us (priests, deacons, teachers, parents, friends) with respect and kindness.

Gospel Questions:
♦ What does Jesus mean when He says, “Whoever is not against us is for us?”
♦ How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ What can each of us do today to build the Church we envision?
♦ Who are people you follow?
♦ What shows that you follow Jesus?

Family Prayer:
♦ Lord, help us to recognize those who teach us to know you better. Help us treat them with love and kindness every day.

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Surplus/Deficit/Parish Subsidies | $257,171.91 | (205,234.72) | (88,596.00) | (36,657.81) |

**Additional Information**

Operating Cash Balance 06/30/18 | $98,676.04 |
Parish Savings on Deposit with Diocese | $238,967.00 |

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**Fund Balances not available for general parish use**

**Finance Committee**

Father Jim Antiporek, Pastor
Enrh Pavel, Chair
Sue Gosewehr
Rick Nagode
Lauren Bouchard
Greg Dedic
Cheryl Clayton, Bookkeeper

**Automated Giving** - St. Irene Parish has an automated giving program called WeShare. It is a check-free, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections. For more information or to enroll, please visit st-irene.churchgiving.com or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.
This Week’s Meetings

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

**Monday, October 1**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary RE (S,C,HF, ACL)
- 7:15-9p - School Board (HF)

**Tuesday, October 2**
- 5:30-7p - RCIA (ACL)
- 7:15-9p - School Board (HF)

**Wednesday, October 3**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 5:30-6:30p - Kid’s Choir (C)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High RE (S,C,ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, October 4**
- 11:30a-2p - Seniors & Friends (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Council of Catholic Women (ACL)

**Friday, October 5**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)

**Saturday, October 6**
- 8-10a - KC Color Guard (ACU)

**Sunday, October 7**
- 9-10a - Hospitality (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**
- Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:**
- Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Wednesday:**
- Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:**
- Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:**
- Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:**
- Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:**
- Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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“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

Wine pick-up from our unWINEd parish event on Sunday, September 30th will be the weekend of October 13th and 14th in the ACL after all Masses.

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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.

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*All are invited to hospitality on Sunday, October 7th in the ACL following the 8AM Mass as we say goodbye Fr. Ray. He has been reassigned to a parish in New York.*

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Christ is our Hope arrives in your mailbox each month, filled with educational stories about our faith, personal journeys, and news in our parishes. This magazine keeps the seven counties of our Diocese connected by sharing the Good News with each other.

On behalf of Bishop Conlon, please prayerfully consider making a generous donation to this year’s *Christ is our Hope* Magazine appeal. To make a gift online, visit our website: dioceseofjoliet.org. Or simply write a check to *Christ is our Hope* Magazine Appeal and mail to: Diocese of Joliet—Development Office, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Thank you for helping everyone in our Diocese to stay connected!
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.

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
7:00AM - Harold Weiler/ Bartus Family

Tuesday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

Wednesday, October 3
Weekday
7:00AM - Gwen Hudetz/ Family
Hollis Hudetz/ Family
Kendall Rose/ Family

Thursday, October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
7:00AM - Deborah Sklenar/ Cathy Kott
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 5
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; First Friday
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad

Saturday, October 6
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family
Florence Motyka/ Fr. Jim
Mario F. Schwarts/ Family

Sunday, October 7
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Kathleen Dugan/ John & Mary Dugan
Loretta Dugan/ John & Mary Dugan
10:00AM - Mass on the Grass
Josephine Allen/ St. Irene Friends
Bertha Grondin/ Barb & Ken Intihar
3:00PM - Baptism Ceremony

Crisis Prayer Chain: If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@outlook.com or 630.853.2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.