From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

**Mark 10:6-8**
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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reflecting on God’s Word
Of all the events and circumstances that draw people together, it would seem that marriage is the most universal and obvious manifestation of that longing to be one. Though some may sacrifice marriage for what they deem to be a greater good or need, and others may never find their heart’s way to that dream, all of us long to be touched by the magic of committed love. There is something woven into the warp and woof of our lives that passionately searches for it. More than anything, it is the ideal of marital love that reveals what we are meant to be—all of life and love so united to one another that there is nothing to divide, since there is no longer anything but pure oneness. Then we are no longer two simply because we are one, one flesh.

That is what makes divorce such a sadness, such a personal and even communal tragedy—that it shatters the vision of what we are meant to be. That is also why it causes such pain, such a wrenching; for if marriage fails, might not then also God’s dream of who we shall be? That seems to be too unbearable even to dare consider.

Into such fragile human becoming, then, comes the Lord Jesus, among the married and the divorced, among the sad and the joyful, among the lost and the hopeful, into what we are no matter what we are. He is the most profound and transforming revelation of that unity to which we are called simply because He unites and embodies both the human and the divine in such a way that it can never again be alienated.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

LIVING GOD’S WORD: It is the Lord Jesus who is God’s radical commitment to creation and to the human race. In Him the human has become divine and the divine has become human. In spite of our own sinfulness all is becoming one. In Jesus the journey has begun.

“unWined” Pick up
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.

MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
If your birthday or wedding anniversary is in the month of October I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to join your parish family in celebrating this occasion.

Next Sunday, October 14th at the 10AM Mass a special Blessing for you and others celebrating a birthday or anniversary will be included in the Liturgy.

Please register with a minister of hospitality before Mass and join us in honoring everyone celebrating a special day this month.

Following Mass, join us in the Lower Level of the Activity Center for a special hospitality in your honor.

Peace & Blessings,

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Looking for someone to organize and run the Seniors 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 lower activity center (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.

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Flu Shots will be offered after Masses in the ACL on Sunday, October 14th. The event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and sponsored by Walgreens. Pharmacist and Brother Knight Michael Fellow will be offering the flu shots.

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Treasures from our Tradition

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him!

When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24
♦ I will make a partner for him.

Background: The creation story in Genesis 2 portrays God as searching for an equal partner for the human. Only a creature that shares the same flesh will be a fitting partner. The union between man and woman is so central that they long to reunite in the one flesh they share.

Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11
♦ They are all brothers.

Background: In Jesus we see the true nature of God. Today’s second reading points out that Jesus accepted death for the sake of all. Jesus is the perfect leader because He shared in our weakness and suffering.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16
♦ Let the children come to Me.

Background: In response to the Pharisees question about divorce, Jesus compares the passage in Deuteronomy, which is simply a concession to human weakness, to the creation story in Genesis, which emphasizes the indissolubility of marriage. Jesus presents the ideal of the marriage bond to stress the truth that is in Him, sin has no power in the world. In the final passage of today’s Gospel, Jesus proclaims that the kingdom belongs to those who receive it as children.

Theme: Fidelity in marriage reflects God’s fidelity to us.

Question for Adults:
How is God’s fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

Question for Youth:
What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Question for Children:
When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

K of C “Share Your Soles”
2018 Fall Shoe Drive

Please donate your gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity from Saturday, October 20th until Sunday, November 11th (the period encompassing All Souls Day) during the Knight’s annual fall shoe drive. We will accept shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Collection bins will be located at the entryways to the church.

Share Your Soles® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to sharing gently worn/new shoes to those in greatest need. They provide shoes both worldwide, as well as right here in the United States. Be sure that the shoes you donate are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late Robert Geary, founder of the Knight’s annual shoe drive. For information, contact Joseph D. Kubal at 630.983.6159 or email: jdrk4715@aol.com.

Join us for Mass at Mercy Home
Sunday, November 4, 2018

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9:30AM. We have been invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised Masses for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent to be celebrated with Father Carl Morello (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello). These Masses will be aired in December.

The date is Sunday, November 4th. We will meet at 1:30PM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur from 2:30-4PM and there will be a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than twenty people for the television audience. RSVP deadline is Monday, October 22nd!

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone has need for a chairlift I will need to know in advance. The chairlift has a 300 lb. limit. Free-will donations would be appreciated by the Home which is a Catholic Charity and child welfare agency. This event will be first come, first served. Seasonal clothing is de rigueur.

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old). For more information or to make your reservation, contact Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.
The Knights of Columbus will host a membership drive on Sunday, October 14th after all the Masses. Come to the Hospitality after Mass and meet some of the members of the Knights of Columbus Council along with coffee and cake. Bring a potential candidate to our table. Brother Knights will be there to answer any of your questions.

**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.

**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?

**CEF Events, 2018 Annual Report Coming Soon**

Each year the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) mails its Annual Report to all CEF donors. For all parishioners interested in Catholic education funding in our diocese, this Annual Report serves as a significant informational guide. Since 1996, the CEF has awarded nearly $21 million in scholarships and $450,000 in ministry grants to schools and parishes in our diocese. For the benefit of many of our parish children, last year the CEF provided $2.1 million in financial aid to over 1,600 students. Watch for the CEF Annual Report in your mailbox or visit [http://cefjoliet.org/publications](http://cefjoliet.org/publications) to learn more about important tax advantaged strategies you may consider for your year-end tax planning. ALSO! Don’t Forget – upcoming CEF events…

- 8th annual *Sounds of Sacred Music* this Tuesday, October 9
- 6th annual *Move Your Feet to Give a Child a Seat* walk-a-thon in ALL schools throughout the Diocese of Joliet on FRIDAY, October 19. Listen to Relevant Radio (AM 930, 950) for more details.
### This Week’s Meetings

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

#### Monday, October 8

#### Tuesday, October 9
- 5:30-7p - Elementary RE (S,C,HF, ACL)
- 7-8p - Bridge Communities (Staff)
- 7:30-8:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)

#### Wednesday, October 10
- 8:30-11a - PACE (ACL)
- 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 - Worship Commission (HF)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

#### Thursday, October 11
- 6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

#### Friday, October 12
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
- 6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

#### Saturday, October 13
- 9-10a - Coffee with Fr. Jim
- 6:30-9p - BUNCO (ACL)

#### Sunday, October 14
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Living Rosary Rehearsal (C)

### Readings for the Week

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### 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.

### Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

- **Gospel of Mark 10:2-16** This Sunday’s Gospel covers two very important topics - marriage and the pure hearts of children. The Apostles thought that the children might have been bothering Jesus, but our Lord wants all of us to come to him with hearts like children.

#### Gospel Questions:

- What is your ideal for marriage?
- What is Jesus’ ideal?
- How do married couples follow Jesus?

#### Life Questions:

- What helps marriages and friendships last?
- Who do you include in your family circle?
- How do I show I belong to my family?

#### Family Prayer:

- *Lord, show us how to love and bring joy to others.*
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.

Patricia Hogan
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Bev Oliveri
Patti Menconi
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Barb Houston
Paula Lopat
Colette Malovany
Charlie Fahrenwald

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.