Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.

Mark 10:21

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LIVING GOD’S WORD: Some believers tithe. Others try to keep a balanced perspective by living simply. There are some who choose to place a self-imposed limit on their savings. And then there are those radical few who choose to live without any possessions or belongings beyond what is absolutely essential. Regardless of the path we choose, we must seek to remove every obstacle to embracing our loving God.

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

When the rich young man in this week’s Gospel asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, the answer is simply “nothing.” Or to put it another way, “You don’t have to do anything to earn it. Simply do not let anything get in the way. Don’t kill, or commit adultery, or steal, or lie, or defraud, or any such things that tend to muddy the focus of our lives.” Beyond that it seems we don’t have to do anything. But, the young man protests, he has avoided all these things. And so the reply Jesus then offers is don’t let your riches get in the way either.

Easier said than done, and more difficult than imagined. More difficult than threading a needle with camel hair when the hair is still on the camel; more difficult than getting a camel inside your house, whether through your pet door or your back door or maybe even your garage door. Camels don’t shrink. Neither does our hold on riches. Both tend to get in the way.

So what does one then do, we ask. Curious—that was the same response in Jesus’ day as well. And over the centuries believers have sought ways to keep wealth in perspective, or at least some things that might help do so. Yet it’s all about trying to make sure that as little as possible gets in the way of finding God among the mishmash of life.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

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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 October 18th. Bring a friend…all are welcome! For more info, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith.

St. Irene Council of Catholic Women presents our 14th annual

Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair
Saturday, November 3
9AM-3PM in the Activity Center

Find unique and carefully crafted handmade items, gifts for all occasions also raffle baskets and delicious lunch options. Support local artists, and the good work of your CCW! See you there!

Tree of Light Memorial Mass
Sponsored by The Office of Family Ministry
Diocese of Joliet
November 4, 2018
2PM Tree-Blessing Ceremony preceding Mass.
Reception following.
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

This special Mass remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

To register, or to have a baby remembered please call 815.838.5334 or register Online: https://conta.cc/2uQPqBz by November 2, 2018.

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world “stayed discovered.” The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other “discoverers” lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to “the Isle of the Blessed” in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to The Voyage of Saint Brendan, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

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**Whole Parish Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

**Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11**
♦ Prudence was given to me.

**Background:** The first reading stresses the value of seeking wisdom above all else. Wisdom is greater than all good things. The possession of wisdom leads to a good life.

**Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13**
♦ God’s word is living.

**Background:** A hint of caution is expressed in the reading from Hebrews. God’s word reveals the truth to our hearts. It is up to us to turn to the word of God for guidance and insight.

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**
♦ Come, follow Me.

**Background:** In today’s Gospel from Mark, Jesus meets a rich young man who wishes to share in everlasting life. The young man’s attachment to his possessions prevents him from acquiring the riches of God’s kingdom. Only God can give human beings the ability to let go of everything for the sake of God’s kingdom.

**Theme:** Making God a priority in your life.

**Question for Adults:**
How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

**Question for Youth:**
What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

**Question for Children:**
How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

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**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.

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**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.

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**“unWined” Pick up**
Wine pick-up from our unWINEd parish event will be the weekend of October 20th and 21st in the ACL after all Masses.
Our Parish Financial Need

The Sunday Collection: The parish fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018 finished with a deficit of $50,000. At the present time, collections are on track for a similar shortfall this year. The parish offertory or Sunday collection is the sole source of funds to operate the parish on a daily basis. Please review the “Ways to Give to St. Irene” and help the parish realize a sustained increase in the weekly collection.

Caring for Our Parish, Caring for One Another Capital Campaign: In 2016, the Caring for Our Parish, Caring for One Another capital campaign was rolled out to parishioners. There has been a wonderful response in support of Fr. Jim and attending to the many needs of the aging campus facilities. Progress to date includes:

Projects completed with campaign dollars that were included in the original list:

♦ Replacement of HVAC in Activity Center
♦ Repair of Church columns
♦ Repainting of the Church
♦ Installation of upgrades to school fire/security system
♦ Repairs and updates to the baptismal font
♦ Repairs and resurfacing of the North parking lot, including the landscaping on the island
♦ Installation of a new phone system

Additional projects that have been accomplished that were not on the original campaign list:

♦ Replacement of the Parish Center roof
♦ Replacement of the windows in the lower level of the School
♦ Repair of the ceiling in the lower level of the School

Projects from the original campaign list that still need to be completed:

♦ Replacement of the garage
♦ Repairs and repaving of the South parking lot
♦ Replacement of the carpet in the Church
♦ Address flooding in lower level of the Church

Other projects not in the original campaign plan that are in need of attention:

♦ Replacement of rectory windows
♦ Replacement of upper level windows in the School
♦ Replacement of the Church roof
♦ Replacement of the Parish Center windows
♦ Repair/Replacement of the kitchen floor in the Activity Center

Financial support of the capital campaign to continue to address the needs listed above is critical. The costs associated with the project list will only increase over time. If you have not yet supported the campaign with a gift, please consider making a pledge or a one-time gift today. If you have completed a pledge and can help further, please consider doing so. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity!

St. Irene – A Very Special Community: There is no other parish in the Diocese of Joliet that embraces the sense of unity and family the way that the people of St. Irene parish share daily. In an effort to nurture and grow this wonderful community, Fr. Jim will be hosting a monthly “Coffee with the Pastor” in order to provide time for open communication. Each meeting will last one hour. There is no agenda – just time to visit with Fr. Jim to talk about life and our Catholic faith. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the following:

♦ Saturday, November 17 – 9AM
♦ Saturday, December 1 – 9AM

All meetings will be held in the ACL.
Bring friends and neighbors and enjoy this special time with Fr. Jim.
This Week’s Meetings

**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)

**Monday, October 15**
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Parish Council (Staff)

**Tuesday, October 16**
- 7-8:30p - Living Rosary (C & AC)

**Wednesday, October 17**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 5:30-6:30p - Kid’s Choir (C)
- 6:30-9p - Girl Scouts (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, October 18**
- 7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

**Friday, October 19**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
- 7-9p - Craft Night (ACL)

**Saturday, October 20**
- 8-10a - KC Color Guard (AC)

**Sunday, October 21**
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (Staff)
- 11a-12:30p - New Parishioner Orientation (ACL)

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
**Thursday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

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.

All RE classes this week are on Tuesday, October 16th at 7PM in Church for the Living Rosary. This is a family event. Students who have been chosen to represent one bead in the Rosary and lead a Hail Mary must arrive at 6:30PM in the ACU (upper level of Activity Center). We will line up our Living Rosary in the ACU and process over to Church together. There are no classes on Tuesday at 5:30PM or Wednesday at 6:30PM.

In preparation for the Living Rosary, please practice the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be prayers with your family. These prayers can be found in the back of your child’s new Bible.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

- **Gospel of Mark 10:17-30** - The rich man in Sunday’s Gospel wants to follow Jesus, but, when Jesus tells him he must give up all he owns, he feels sad. It is hard to give up things we have. Jesus doesn’t want us to hold too tightly to things of the world, but rather to desire Heaven.

Gospel Questions:

- Why might rich people have a hard time following Jesus?
- What does Jesus teach about sharing?
- What relationship does Jesus envision between people who are rich and people who are poor?

Life Questions:

- In what ways do you invest your life energies and financial resources in people who are poor?
- What ways can you serve others in your neighborhood?
- What are some things you share with others?

Family Prayer:

- Help us, Jesus, to follow you no matter what we must leave behind.
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.

6th annual ‘Move Your Feet’ Walk-a-Thon

Join your Catholic school children and staff on Friday, October 19 to help promote the value of Catholic schools. You and your students can ‘Move Your Feet to Give a Child a Seat’ by walking one loop around your school. Event proceeds are restricted to new Catholic school students who qualify for aid. This year thousands of dollars in CEF Scholarships will support OUR local parish school students...over $2 million distributed diocesan-wide! Support the CEF Scholarship campaign when you receive your brochure and gift envelope in the mail. Listen to Relevant Radio (AM 930, 950) for details or visit www.CEFJoliet.org/move-your-feet.

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land

Due to the lack of tourism and the instability of the political situation in the Holy Land, the Christian community is suffering financially. The Christian community needs your help by purchasing their products in order to maintain their presence in the Land of Christ. Please stop by the beautiful olive wood items from the Holy Land and try to purchase an item or two.