Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6
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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.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

We’ve all done it—passed street people without seeming to see, hear, or smell them sitting on the sidewalk begging. I usually encounter them when I’m dressed up to go to the theater or on vacation in a strange city. I’m slightly out of my comfort zone. I might catch sight of their shoeless feet or sunglasses or hear the thin request, “Spare change?” Immediately my guard goes up and I pretend not to notice their existence, let alone their need. Chances are they aren’t really blind anyway and they’d probably just spend the money on liquor.

The star of today’s Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in Him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs Him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

—Virginia Stillwell

LIVING GOD’S WORD: Panhandlers are utterly dependent on charity for their daily bread. They have nothing of real value, so they have nothing to lose. Might our self-sufficiency, self-defensiveness, and self-importance blind us to something that their poverty reveals? Like Bartimaeus, we must depend utterly on Jesus for mercy, vision, direction, and daily bread.

St. Irene Trivia Night

Friday, November 17 - 6:30PM in the ACL

- $25 per person/ $200 per table.
- Full teams of 8 maximum, but smaller teams welcome!
- Decorate your table, wear costumes, and win prizes for Best Theme.
- Split the pot, Heads/Tails game, trivia prizes and fun with professional trivia host.
- Bring your own food and beverage. 21+ event!
- Questions? Please contact Shannon Ryson at swryson@gmail.com.

MASS SCHEDULE

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
We thank all who participated in our Novena for the Crisis in the Church and those who attended our Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 25. We continue to pray for the victims of abuse and call on the Holy Spirit to drive out the evil present in our Church hierarchy. If you would like to share your thoughts with the Bishops and Our Holy Father there are two on-line letters that you can sign and support, one from Catholic women: catholicwomensforum.org/letter-to-pope-francis/ and one from Catholic men: catholicmenunited.org/

These letters are not associated with any organization or group. The letter which has been sent to the Holy Father and American Council of Bishops asks for action and a response to the findings. It also provides prayer and fasting support from the faithful through the end of the year. Together we can raise our voices and lead with our holy actions.

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Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today’s Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and “spiritual hospitality” in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk.

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9
♦ The Lord has delivered His people.

Background: In the first reading, Jeremiah proclaims God’s intention to bring the chosen people back from exile in Babylon. The most vulnerable people are given honor on this triumphant journey. These people, who know their only hope is God, will return with joyful shouting.

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6
♦ You are my son.

Background: In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author stresses that even Jesus, the Son of God, did not take the office of high priest upon Himself. Jesus accepted a call that was initiated by God. The most compelling aspects of Jesus’ priestly ministry are His compassion for, and His identity with the people He serves.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
♦ I want to see.

Background: Earlier in the Gospel of Mark there is a story of an unnamed blind man, whom Jesus heals in stages. In today’s Gospel, Jesus cures the blind man named Bartimaeus immediately. The two stories reveal that the struggle to know the Lord, and the journey of faith, is life long.

Theme: Power in weakness.

Question for Adults:
What does it mean for you to “see”? Are there blind spots in your life?

Question for Youth:
“Master, I want to see!” What do you most want to be able to “see” in your own life? How are you blind?

Question for Children:
What would you like to ask Jesus for?

ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS!
Welcome to St. Irene! Please plan to attend the Hospitality event following the 10AM Mass on Sunday, November 11. We would like to recognize you and your family and afford you an opportunity to meet available parish staff and your fellow parishioners. We are happy that you chose St. Irene as your Faith Community and look forward to meeting and being with you! Please RSVP to Dave at dna69@comcast.net or 630.857.0972.

Religious Education Classes this week are on Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, at 7PM in Church. Please remember to bring your decorated Luminary Bags to church on November 1 or on November 2 which is All Souls Day. Also, you may bring a picture of deceased loved ones for our Ofrenda, our Day of the Dead Offering table. We remember and honor these holy people who have gone before us and thank God for the gift of their life.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
♦ Gospel of Mark 10:46-52 - Jesus is moved by the needs of a blind man who calls out to Him. We too need to be healed in some way. Perhaps we are hurting or feeling alone or sad. Jesus wants us to believe that He can heal us if we too have faith.

Gospel Questions:
♦ What power does faith have in directing your life?
♦ What does Bartimaeus see in Jesus?
♦ What does Jesus see in Bartimaeus?

Life Questions:
♦ What is seeing?
♦ Whom do I follow?
♦ When you take a walk outside what are some of the things you see?

Family Prayer:
♦ Lord, sometimes we don’t even recognize that we need healing. Help us to see where we might be broken and humbly ask you to heal us.

Month of Remembrance: The Book of Remembrance will be in the baptistry area throughout the month of November. All are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in the book, as we remember our faithful departed on All Souls Day, November 2nd at 7PM.
Coffee with the Pastor

Thank you to everyone who came out for the first “Coffee with Pastor” on Saturday, October 13, 2018. During the session, Father Jim answered questions about his childhood and shared special moments he enjoyed with his family. One of his stories reminisced about growing up living above a bakery, where the floors were warmed by the wood-burning oven below and the constant smell of fresh baked bread was in the air. Father also answered questions about how he got his start as an educator along with his road to the priesthood. Father shared an incredibly touching story of a trip to a church in Krakow, Poland, and a special childhood connection with his Busia (Polish for Grandma). Father spoke about the importance of catholic education and that a parish with a school was his one requirement when he was asked about his priorities in a parish. Also, he made it clear that he intends to remain pastor of St. Irene as long as his health allows.

A very special thanks to the school staff and volunteers for setting up the room and providing coffee and baked goods. The schedule for Coffee with the Pastor through the end of the year is:

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9AM in the ACL  
Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 9AM in the ACL

Coffee with the Pastor is a monthly event with no agenda; just time to visit with Father Jim, build community and get to know each other better. Everyone is welcome to attend and feel free to bring any questions you might have. Father hoped to start next month’s meeting with a conversation about the hopes and dreams for the future of the Parish. Together, we will continue to grow as a faith community and family.

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!

St. Irene Seniors LunchBunch Ministry  
Thursday, November 1st  
11:30AM–2PM Lower Activity Center (ACL)

♦ Guest Speaker: Lori Belha, owner of Clutter Counselors, Inc. She will talk about cleaning out your clutter and getting ready for estate sales!

♦ Catered lunch: China House – chicken kow, beef broccoli, vegetable lo mein, egg roll, rice, dessert and coffee/beverages

♦ Fee: $10 each

Don’t feel like eating what we serve? No problem! Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship, dessert and coffee/beverages for $3 each.

RSVP BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH!
Anna Saake: anna@saake.net or 630.456.0644  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

♦ SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be Thursday, December 6th from 11:30AM-2PM in the ACL.

VOCATION RAFFLE

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary are selling Vocation Raffle booklets. The cost is $15 per booklet or $1 a ticket. The monies support the Illinois Vocations Support Program. For each booklet sold, $9 goes to the Ladies of Columbus, where we use this money to help with our community and winter coats for girls in need. We have a very short window to sell these booklets; we need to turn in the sold tickets by November 18th. So if you would like to help in this venture, please contact Missy Kemp at 630.460.3704 or Bonnie Di Iulio at 630.808.5565.

Are you willing to give up the comforts of your warm bed for 1 night to raise awareness and support for the Bridge Communities Transitional Housing Program? Join St. Irene families Saturday, November 3rd for a sleep out in solidarity with the homeless. For more information, please contact rosario@st-irene.org.

Families can register as participants or make on-line donations at https://www.bridgecommunities.org/St.Irene
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, October 28**
- 10:10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-2p - Priesthood Sunday Luncheon (ACL)

**Monday, October 29**
- 6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

**Tuesday, October 30**

**Wednesday, October 31**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, November 1**
- 11:30a-2p - Seniors & Friends Luncheon (ACL)

**Friday, November 2**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
- 7-9p - Hospitality (ACL)

**Saturday, November 3**
- 9a-3p - CCW Craft Show (AC)
- 3p-12a - Sleep Out Saturday Night (AC)

**Sunday, November 4**
- 12-8a - Sleep Out Saturday Night (AC)
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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 to both the 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.

Here are the results of the American Legion Post 589 ‘Ruck The Ville’ 5K March for the St. Irene Food Pantry on October 6th. Participants walked for 3 miles carrying a weighted backpack of food stuffs, some weighing as much as 70 plus pounds.

- **965 pounds of food collected**
- **77 people participated**

**The 27 sponsors who participated are:**
- Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention, Al's Pizza, Cherubim, Corda's Hair Design, East China Inn, Family Foods, H4 Training, Heidi Steiner Graphic Designs, St. Irene K of C Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary #6710, Warrenville HoneyMilk Café, Imagination Print & Design, J.H. Bollweg & Sons, King-Bruwaert House, St. Irene K of C Council #6710, Mart Anthony’s Italian Restaurant, Mr. Jim’s Automotive Services, RE/MAX of Naperville, Warrenville ACE Hardware, Doodlebug Workshop, Roma D’ Italia, St. Giles Catholic Parish, TARGET Naperville, TJ’S LANDCARE, GALUSHA Farm of Warrenville, Voegtle’s Auto Service, Voegtle’s Lawn Service, Warrenville Firemen Association

Thanks to all those who participated in this event to support the Warrenville community and St. Irene’s Food Pantry. The American Legion Post #589 considered this event an overwhelming success!

Deacon Joe Urso

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
**Thursday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
**Friday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6-3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
**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.

Barb Olson  
John Martin  
Sharon Booth  
Lynette Meaney  
Don Clevenger, Jr.  
Phelan Welch  
Joe Gattone  
Jean Roe

Roberta Neameyer  
Javier Tecuatl  
Bernie Malovany  
Paige C. Robertson  
Mary Vander Meulen  
Valder Morales  
Max Malesh  
Colette Malovany

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, October 29**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - Vivienne Bryant/ John & Mary Dugan

**Tuesday, October 30**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

**Wednesday, October 31**  
Weekday  
7:00AM - For the Safety of All Children

**Thursday, November 1**  
All Saints Day  
7:00AM - Vivienne Bryant/ Friends  
12:00PM - Antiporek & Dlugokienski Families  
7:00PM - St. Irene Faith Community

**Friday, November 2**  
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day); First Friday  
7:00AM - Tom Cosgrove/ Family  
7:00PM - For All the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, November 3**  
Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00PM - Mary Jane Livingston/ Ray & Shelly Schmidt, Scott DeLauranti/ St. Irene Community, Michael Bridges/ Mark Jarosz

**Sunday, November 4**  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM - Denise Gallina/ Mom & Dad, Thomas Wixted, Sr./ John & Mary Dugan  
10:00AM - Jospehine Allen/ St. Irene Friends, Ron Battaglia/ Family, Amelia Jung/ Marge Steinhoff  
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

Thank you  
for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised $712. You may stay connected year round to the Pope’s missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

**Thank you for saying “YES” to God!**