St. Irene Faith Community presents:

Michael O’Neill

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7-8PM

Come! He will enlighten us on miracles throughout Church history including Marian Apparitions, Eucharistic Miracles and other strange phenomena.

Michael O’Neill has been a guest on: The Today Show, Fox & Friends, Live Science and the Dr. Oz Show.

He has a weekly radio program, The Miracle Hunter on Relevant Radio®. All are welcome! Admission is free.
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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MASS SCHEDULE
▪   Daily: M-F 7AM   ▪   Saturday: 5PM   ▪   Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
The song of the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God’s presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. “Heaven and earth are full of your glory,” and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone’s in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
♦ Before you were born, you were known, consecrated and appointed.

Background: Jeremiah was commissioned as a prophet to speak out against faithlessness and injustice. Although his message was unpopular and his task painful, Jeremiah kept at it. God promised to remain with Jeremiah and to deliver him in the end.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
♦ Love is the greatest gift of God.

Background: In today’s beloved passage from 1 Corinthians, Paul tries to persuade his listeners that love is worth more than all other gifts. Love always seeks the good of another. Paul stresses that love is the touchstone of the mature Christian.

♦ Jesus was sent for us.

Background: In today’s passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus meets with great opposition from the people of His hometown. Jesus cites two examples in which prophets left the covenant people and worked miracles for Gentiles. The people from Jesus’ hometown can not bear the truth that God’s Word moves freely anywhere God chooses.

Theme: Jesus’ words and love are for everyone!

Question for Adults:
What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

Question for Youth:
Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Question for Children:
What ways do you show God’s love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

KC Annual FMSC Food-Packing Event
Come join fellow parishioners at the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Aurora on Saturday, February 9th from 11:30AM-1:30PM. No experience is necessary. Individuals over the age of 5 are welcome to participate. Get the entire family involved in this worthy cause. Students can earn service hours.

To participate, just register on the FMSC website at http://www.fmsc.org, go to “Volunteer” and enter code “9DV8BB” at bottom of page entitled “Looking for Specific Group.” If you have questions, please feel free to call Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159. If you cannot attend, please consider a monetary donation to this worthwhile organization.

Our Parish Mission is next week on Monday, February 11, Tuesday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 13th from 7-8PM in church. Mr. Michael O’Neill, the “Miracle Hunter” will be talking about Miracles…surprising and welcomed events that are not explicable by natural or scientific laws and are therefore considered to be the work of God.

Religious Education classes meet on Tuesday, February 5 (Gr. 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, February 6 (Gr. 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 4:21-30 - Jesus is visiting His hometown. Although everyone is amazed at His teaching, they don’t take Him seriously because they have known Him since He was a boy. When Jesus confronts them about what they are thinking, they become so angry that they force him to leave town.

Gospel Questions:
♦ What does Jesus means when he says a prophet is not welcome in his hometown?
♦ Who does Jesus say He is?
♦ Why do you believe in Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ How do you deal with rejection?
♦ Why do people reject prophets?
♦ Who believes in you?

Family Prayer:
♦ Jesus, help us be humble enough to listen when we are corrected by people who care about us. Help us to remember that they are looking out for our good.
AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus’ neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter’s son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God’s people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today’s readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus’ mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

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St. Irene Senior LunchBunch Ministry Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, February 7th, 2019
11:30AM-2PM in the Lower Activity Center
Fee: $3 each

Entertainment: Chezady – Magician & Illusionist

Food items can be store bought!
Coffee and beverages will be provided!!
Any questions please contact:
Annette Kubalanza @ 630.393.2400 x 122 or
Denise Schmidt @630.930.0154

All are welcome!

Clothing Drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
February 16 & 17
For the St. Vincent DePaul Society in West Chicago

We are accepting clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Also small household items and electronics!
NO TV's or COMPUTERS!

Start collecting now! Collection bags will be handed out after Masses on February 9th & 10th. Fill them (or any strong bag/box) and return to the truck in the church parking lot the following weekend (16th & 17th) before or after Masses.

Caring Network provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, enabling them to choose life for their babies. You can help Caring Network be a hope center for families in our community by participating in Coins for Caring Network. Pick up your baby bottle today. Fill it with spare change and return it to church in February. Your change can make a difference!

Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are Signs of Hope to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish’s goal for the 2019 CMAA is $64,600. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

Prayer Shawls: If you or someone you know would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Paula Peterson at 630.319.3998 or ppeterson1085@gmail.com.
Dear St. Irene,

It is with grateful hearts we step into the New Year with many thanks to St. Irene for your generous support for Christmas Sharing. Your generosity of spirit and caring assistance displayed during the holiday season helped soar our spirits as we presented Christmas Sharing to our families.

The members of Community Baptist Church warmly welcomed the youthful, energetic efforts of St. Irene volunteers and their parents. Our efforts are to give to those that are in need right here our town and school district. Community Baptist and Well Spring Alliance Church hosted nearly 200 families in Warrenville this year.

In one week, the hands of many volunteers set a “store” from which our families shop for gently used and new winter clothing, household linens & items. There is a new toy area allowing families to choose a new toy for Christmas. Monetary funds are used to purchase food gift cards and diapers for the families. Remaining food donations are taken to Warrenville food pantries at St. Irene and Immanuel to support local families. It is a huge effort that is such a wonderful reward.

This year’s event was a great success with many thanks to your generosity. It is with hope that the coming year finds you and yours surrounded in peace and happiness.

Sincerely, Denise Di Cianni

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are Rescued by Jesus!

Mark your calendars for St. Irene’s Vacation Bible School “Shipwrecked”
June 17-21 from 9AM-12PM.

Buy gift cards through SHOPRight! We have the following vendors available and St. Irene Parish receives the following percentages for each of your purchases.

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Haven’t had time to join?

- Send an email to st.irene.script@gmail.com letting us know you are interested in signing up with script! You will then receive an email from Great Lakes Scrip company explaining how to register. We will need your first and last name, phone number and email address to keep you updated with script specials.
- Set up an online Payments (PrestoPay) where you simply link your bank account to your ShopWithScrip account. Note: credit cards are not accepted they add fees and would result in reduced earnings for your organization.
- Begin shopping and earn rebates for St. Irene Parish. Choose to purchase physical gift cards, ScriptNow or Reload (after initial purchase of a physical gift card).
- Orders placed by Sunday 4PM can be picked up the following weekend at any of the three Masses.
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.

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:25b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

Communion Assistance

We want to insure that every parishioner who wishes to partake in the Communion Sacrament be able to do so. In order to assist us with this process, please notify an usher prior to the start of Mass if you or someone in your party needs communion brought to you. Extraordinary Ministers will bring the Precious Body & Blood to you in your pew.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, February 4
Weekday
7:00AM - Tony Skonkna/ Jennifer Wingelnik

Tuesday, February 5
St. Agatha
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

Wednesday, February 6
St. Paul Miki
7:00AM - Allan Harris/ Joan Harris
Florence Motyka/ Fr. Jim
7:30AM - Walter Antiporek/ Fr. Jim

Thursday, February 7
Weekday
7:00AM - Walter Antiporek/ Fr. Jim
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 8
St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
7:00AM - Carolann Chiodo/ Friends
8:15AM - St. Irene Parish Family

Saturday, February 9
Vigil: 5th Ordinary Sunday
5:00PM - Blanche “Bee” Duquette/ Looby Family
Robert Loll/ Sam & Carolyn Vitale

Sunday, February 10
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00AM - St. Irene Parish Family
10:00AM - Birthday/Anniversary Mass
Susan Snyder/ Pat Jackowiak
Greg True/ Mary Hafertepe

We End in Prayer Those Who Serve Our Country

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Deployed
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, Great Lakes
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Loheny USMC - Camp Pendelton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas