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.
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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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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word

We are all familiar with the story of The Wizard of Oz. There’s Dorothy, who wants to get back to Kansas. There’s the Cowardly Lion, who’s looking for courage. There’s the Scarecrow, who’s looking for a brain because some crow told him he was stupid and he believed it. And there’s the Tin Woodsman, who’s trying to find a heart in order to demonstrate some sensitivity. They all go to see the Wizard, who proves to be a fraud.

But as the story unfolds, you discover who’s the most courageous one in the group. It’s the Lion called cowardly. Who thinks up the best ideas? It’s the Scarecrow who supposedly has no brain. Who is it that shows the most compassion? It’s the heartless Tin Woodsman. And Dorothy? She’s never left Kansas at all; it’s only a dream. They come to realize that only after the Wizard of Oz calls it to their attention.

Many people do not realize how gifted and talented they really are. Many ordinary individuals do not know that there’s a giant hidden within them. What’s needed are Wizards to call it to their attention.

—Rev. Richard Zajac

LIVING GOD’S WORD: The twelve disciples would never have been found in a Who’s Who? in Jerusalem or Nazareth or Galilee. They were fairly obscure and, at first glance, not very talented individuals. That didn’t stop Jesus from calling them into ministry, for He believed there was a giant inside each of them waiting to be awakened.

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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

• Daily: M-F 7AM • Saturday: 5PM • Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
GOD’S SUMMONS

Confronted with God’s power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips,” he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus’ instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me.”

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won’t lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God’s messenger?

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The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ’s total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God’s own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
♦ Here I am! Send me.

Background: In the first reading, Isaiah gives an account of his prophetic call. Isaiah has a vision in which one of the seraphim touches his lips with a hot coal from the incense burner. This is a sign that his lips are cleansed to preach God’s word.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
♦ The grace of God is with us always.

Background: The reading from 1 Corinthians precedes the Gospel of Mark and is the oldest statement of resurrection faith recorded. Paul presents the Gospel’s general outline in the formal pattern of rabbinical tradition. For Paul, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the culmination of things written long ago.

♦ The apostles were called and so are we.

Background: Today’s Gospel story presents Luke’s account of the call of the first disciples. In contrast to the story told by Matthew and Mark, here the disciples had a more resounding reason to respond to the call from Jesus. Simon Peter’s response to the call reminds us of the response of Isaiah: “Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.”

Theme: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.

Question for Adults:
When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

Question for Youth:
Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Children:
What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ Himself. —St. Louise de Marillac

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 February 21st. Bring a friend...all are welcome! For more info, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Religious Education classes are replaced by our Parish Mission this week. Please bring your family to hear Michael O’Neill, “The Miracle Hunter” on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and evening from 7-8PM in church. There will be Hospitality following Thursdays presentation in the Activity Center.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 5:1-11 - In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowd from Simon Peter’s boat. Then He encourages Simon to cast his net into the water. Simon questions why Jesus tells him to do this since they have been fishing all night and have caught nothing…but does as he is instructed and catches many fish! So many that his boat almost sinks! Jesus tells him to not be afraid and that from now on, he will be “catching men.”

Gospel Questions:
♦ What is a miracle?
♦ Why does Jesus perform miracles?
♦ Who or what has convinced you to follow Jesus?

Life Questions:
♦ What miracles have you experienced in your life?
♦ What fears are keeping you from doing what Jesus is asking you to do?
♦ Jesus asks every one of his friends to be a “fisher of men and women”…who have you caught for Jesus?

Family Prayer:
♦ Jesus, give us eyes to see Your presence in our lives and the miracles You bless us with. Remind us that we should not be afraid of the mission You have for us to do. Help us to share our faith with others.
CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCED AND WIDOWED
“Six Keys to Healing and God’s Plan for your Life”

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and often difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to heal and begin to move forward in your life.

Our speaker for the day is Catholic author and speaker Lisa Duffy. A relationship and divorce recovery expert, she experienced the tragedy of an unwanted divorce in the early 1990s. Lisa has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse. She is the author of a number of books, including *Mending The Heart* and *A Road to Healing*. She has instituted the *Journey of Hope* program in parishes across the US and in Canada. Aside from her dedication to her family, Lisa speaks at conferences, appears on television and radio, coaches one-on-one and in groups and holds online events. She resides in South Carolina with her husband and three children. Her talks will address those who have lost a spouse either through death or divorce.

The conference day, March 16th, begins with a 8:30AM check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4PM. The suggested donation is $35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by March 11th by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815.838.5334 or online at https://conta.cc/2RULZmY.

Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

**Pancake Breakfast** - The Marmion Music Boosters are hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 10 from 8:30AM-1PM in Marmion Academy’s Lux Dining Hall at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora (enter through door #4). Tickets, available at the door, are $7 per adult (13 years and up), $5 for children 3-12 (under 3 is free) or $25 per family of five. Tickets include sausage, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, coffee and unlimited pancakes and toppings. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance please email Mike Desch at mrdesch@gmail.com. Guests will enjoy performances by the Holy Angels Choir directed by Jodi Taylor, the Marmion Men’s Choir directed by Brian Birch, the Marmion/Rosary Combo and Jazz Ensemble directed by René Rosas, and more!

**Mid-life Singles (mid 30s to 50s)** - Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing **REFLECT weekend retreat** at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on February 22-24. Take a chance and get involved...you won’t regret it! Cost is $215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call 630.222.8303 for details.

**Joyful Again Widowed Ministry** - The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. “I felt welcome.” “Found hope.” “Am more at peace.”

**Date:** March 9 & 10 at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at 708.354.7211.

**Email:** joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

**Feeling a Bit Uneasy?** Do you have an uneasy feeling to do something but don’t know what it is? Do you hear a faint voice nudging you to do something you can’t put your finger on? If that uneasy feeling or persistent voice keeps coming back, it could be the Holy Spirit trying to tell you something. If so, pray and be open to God’s direction. For some of you, it may lead to a job God wants you to do. And for others, it may be a call to become a volunteer phone counselor for The Upper Room Crisis Hotline.

We are a Catholic hotline providing counseling and referral assistance to anyone struggling to find his or her way back to God or a more rational life. We help everyone regardless of their faith or background. For that reason, all our phone counselors have gone through extensive professional training to prepare them to handle every situation. Does this sound like you? If so, contact us now for information. Our next training session begins on February 19th from 10AM-12PP. You can also check us out at [catholichotline.org](http://catholichotline.org).

Call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at 815.341.9124, or email turch@sbcglobal.net with questions or to reserve your place in our next training session.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, February 3
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
4-6p - Mother/Daughter Cookie Decorating (ACL)

Monday, February 11
1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)
3-5p - Basketball Practice (ACU)
7-8p - Parish Mission (C)

Tuesday, February 12
7-8p - Parish Mission (C)

Wednesday, February 13
8:30-11a - PACE (ACL)
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8p - Parish Mission (C & ACL)

Thursday, February 14
3-5p - Basketball Practice (ACU)

Friday, February 15

Saturday, February 16
10a-11:30a - Early Childhood Play Date (AC)

Sunday, February 17
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us at 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a one hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.

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

- Binny’s Beverage Depot - 3%
- Mariano’s or Jewel/Osco - 4%
- Target - 2.5%

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.

Joe Gattone
Javier Tecuatl
Bernie Malovany
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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!

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes
7:00AM - Margaret Hatch/ Cindy & Bob Stoothoff

Tuesday, February 12
Weekday
7:00AM - William Hottinger/ St. Irene Community

Wednesday, February 13
Weekday
7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

Thursday, February 14
Ss. Cyril and Methodius

7:00AM - John Schefke/ Wingelnik Family
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 15
Weekday
7:00AM - St. Irene Community
8:15AM - For Blessings on our Catholic School

Saturday, February 16
Vigil: 6th Ordinary Sunday
5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family
Tony Jeanquart/ Carl Alexander

Sunday, February 17
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00AM - Sr. Rosie Eck/ St. Irene Community
10:00AM - Hal Driendzo/ Nance Bruss
11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Deployed
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans - Lackland AFB, TX
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Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Sgt. Thomas Rasplika - Fort Bliss, Texas