SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38
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 to arrange preparation 6 months in advance.

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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St. Irene Mini-Parish Retreat
40 Hours of Eucharist Adoration

Sunday, March 10th 11AM through Tuesday, March 12th at 8:15AM our Lord, Jesus Christ, will be fully present on the Altar during our 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

We learned last week during our Parish Mission that many scientifically tested Eucharist miracles have revealed that Jesus’ body which we receive in the Eucharist, is His living, beating heart. Our God loves us so much that He gives us His heart so we can love as He loves. And that living, beating heart is always present at St. Irene in the Tabernacle...where Jesus waits for us day and night to spend time with Him.

Why 40 hours of Eucharist Adoration? The number 40 has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The Forty Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "40-hour period" from our Lord’s burial until His Resurrection. This is a powerful Lenten prayer opportunity for our parish family.

Jesus loves when we spend time in His presence not bombarding Him with words, not reading prayers or a book...simply "being" with Him. In Eucharist Adoration, we can relax in His presence, and gaze at Him without thoughts, images or words. Remember, He is looking back at you with a lot of love! You do not need to tell Him your problems; He knows them better than you do. You can let go and let God be God to you.

Commit to at least one hour of prayer with Jesus. Sign up after Mass this weekend or sign up at volunteersignup.org/HMWKM.

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.

Mass Schedule
• Daily: M-F 7AM  •  Saturday: 5PM  •  Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
♦ Though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm you.

Background: Consumed with jealousy, Saul and three thousand men head into the desert searching for David. When given the opportunity, David does not harm Saul because he is God’s anointed. The Lord will reward the just and faithful.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
♦ Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Background: As humans, we resemble Adam, who was made from the earth. We also inherit Adam’s weakness. We are also created in God’s image. We will share in Jesus’ Resurrection.

♦ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Background: Jesus teaches the disciples to love their enemies. Treat others as you want to be treated. Be kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Theme: Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

Question for Adults:
Jesus says, “Give, and gifts will be given to you.” When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?

Question for Youth:
How do you follow Jesus’ teaching to bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you?

Question for Children:
Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

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

Coffee with the Pastor
Visit with Fr. Jim and talk about his journey to the priesthood, parish life at St. Irene and other topics in our beautiful Catholic faith. Please make time to join Fr. Jim at one of the upcoming sessions in 2019:
♦ Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL – sponsored by the Music Ministry
♦ Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL – sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
♦ Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9am in the ACL

Coffee with the Pastor has 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. Together, we will continue to grow as a faith community and family.

Religious Education classes this week do not take place in the classroom but is replaced by our Family Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30-8PM in the Activity Center. Weather permitting we will end our celebration outside as we burn our blessed palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms from last year’s Palm Sunday liturgy and pray for good weather!

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 6:27-38 - Jesus reminds us to be kind even to those who are not kind to us. This is very difficult, but if we want to be like Jesus, we need to love our enemies and those who would hurt us. Jesus loved everyone, even those who crucified Him.

Gospel Questions:
♦ How does Jesus say we should treat people who offend us?
♦ What is your favorite saying of Jesus?
♦ What does Jesus teach us about forgiveness?

Life Questions:
♦ To love our enemies is the heart of Jesus’ teaching? What if we practiced making friends of our enemies?
♦ When do you need to ask for forgiveness?
♦ How to you respond to hurtful things happening around you?

Family Prayer:
♦ Lord, we find it hard to be kind when someone is not kind to us. Help us to see others as you do, so that we will not be tempted to judge them or be unkind. Amen.
Thousands sought Jesus during His life. 
Only a few followed him to Calvary. What will you do?

Jesus doesn’t want our applause. He wants our hearts. Are you ready to draw closer to Jesus in His passion than you ever have before? Join us this Lent for No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion.

Monday afternoons from 1-2:30PM in the ACL: March 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15
RSVP to Annette 630.393.2400 x 122 by March 8
Cost: $15 for the book - $25 for the book and the study guide (both are optional)

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series on the passion of Christ. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life in this biblical pilgrimage. This study will take you step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love—drawing closer to Jesus than ever before.

Authored and presented by Edward Sri, No Greater Love also features: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri. In this study, you will discover:

♦ The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
♦ What was Jesus going through at each moment?
♦ How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
♦ Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
♦ What was the meaning behind the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ’s Passion?

Edward Sri also unpacks commonly misunderstood sayings of Jesus, such as:

♦ “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass?”—Was Jesus thinking of backing out at the last minute?
♦ “My God, my God why have you abandoned me?”—Was Jesus really abandoned by the Father on the cross?
♦ “You have said so.”—What does that mean?

SAVE THE DATE! The Ladies of Columbus will host a Bunco event on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30PM. All proceeds will go to benefit DoodleBug Workshop. This organization helps individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities to develop functional life skills. So mark your calendars and plan on having a lot of fun and helping a great organization at the same time. Thank you.

Join us for Mass at Mercy Home - Sunday, March 31, 2019

You may be familiar with Sunday Mass at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls which airs on WGN-TV, Channel 9 on Sundays at 9AM. We have been invited to participate in a taping of the show and to join in the televised Masses for the 4th Sunday of Easter and The Ascension to be celebrated with Father Carl Morello (brother of fellow Knight of Columbus, Vince Morello). The Masses will be aired on May 12th and June 2nd, respectively.

The date is Sunday, March 31. We will meet at 1:30PM at Mercy Home, 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The taping will occur between 2:30-4PM with a complimentary luncheon beforehand. We hope to have a good showing, but can accommodate no more than twenty people for the television audience. RSVP by Monday, March 25th with how many individuals will participate.

There is free parking at Mercy Home and plenty of street-parking available. If anyone needs a chairlift, I will need to know that 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".

This is a fun experience and I encourage families to bring their children (over 5 years old). For information, or to make your reservation, please contact Joe Kubal at 630.983.6159 or SMKubal0712@aol.com.
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, February 24**
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)
- 11a-3p - Confirmation Retreat (AC)

**Monday, February 25**
- 1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL)

**Tuesday, February 26**
- 6:30-8:30p - Mardi Gras (AC, C)

**Wednesday, February 27**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 3-5p - Basketball Practice (ACU)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, February 28**

**Friday, March 1**

**Saturday, March 2**

**Sunday, March 3**
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)
- 11a-12:30p - RCIA (ACL)

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**Catholic Heart Workcamp**

Our St. Irene youth had such an amazing experience last year that we are collaborating again with St. Mike’s for this awesome mission trip! This July 7th-13th our 8th–12th grade teens are invited to join 350 teens from parishes all over the U.S. at Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) in Calmar, Iowa. This is a week of fun, prayer, laughter, Mass & Reconciliation, and restoring hope through service to those less fortunate.

There are still a few spots available. If you are interested learning more, please join us for our informational meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 6PM

**St. Michael Faith Center**
3rd floor conference room
317 W. Willow Ave
Wheaton, IL 60187

RSVP requested for this meeting. Please email your name, your child’s name and grade, and parish to reodesk@stmichaelcommunity.org.

For more information or any questions contact Pamela Keating at 630-393-2400 x120
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**SHOPRight Update: Fall 2018 Profit = $893**

We were able to achieve this incredible profit for St. Irene Parish with only a dozen families participating in Fall 2018. Just imagine what we could do, if more families joined the SHOPRight program!

**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 online Payments (PrestoPay). Simply link your bank account to your ShopWithScrip account.
  **Note:** credit cards are not accepted as they add fees which reduces earnings for our parish.
- 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.
- Questions – contact us at st.irene.script@gmail.com

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Married couples are needed for our Marriage Prep and Baptism Prep Ministries. Please contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122.
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.

Ann Mulcahy
John Rossi
Dan Cyrus
Baby Reyna Urso-Zizzo
Paula Lopat
Barb Olson
Lynette Meany
Don Clevenger, Jr.

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

Liturgical Calendar

- **Monday, February 25**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Anastasia Dlugokienksi/ Fr. Jim
  - Adelaide Thulin/ Kristin Kocan

- **Tuesday, February 26**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Sophie Wingednik—Birthday/ Fr. Jim
  - Joseph Kocan, Sr./ Kristin Kocan

- **Wednesday, February 27**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Ted Milsna/ Family

- **Thursday, February 28**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - Joseph R. Kubal/ Kubal Family
  - 7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

- **Friday, March 1**
  - Weekday; First Friday
  - 7:00AM - St. Irene Community
  - 8:15AM - No School Mass

- **Saturday, March 2**
  - Vigil: 8th Ordinary Sunday
  - 1:00PM - Baptism Ceremony
  - 5:00PM - Craig Farmer/ Mom & Dad
  - Carol Proft/ Proft & Sullivan Families

- **Sunday, March 3**
  - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
  - 8:00AM - Rosemary Ann Borello/ St. Irene Community
  - 10:00AM - Greg True/ Marge Tadras

Readings for the Week

- **Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- **Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- **Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
- **Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
- **Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
- **Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
- **Sunday:** Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

Mark 8:25 reads, “Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.” This sums up what the Knights of Columbus are striving for in the St. Irene Eyeglass Drive. Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be in the back of the church until June 1st. Questions may be directed to Joseph Kubal by telephone at 630.983.6159 or by e-mail at jdrk4715@aol.com.

We Hold These Truths Who Serve Our Country