Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1–2
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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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HOLY MOMENTS at St. Irene

In Matthew Kelly’s book, The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity, we realize that HOLINESS is possible! We are created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Jesus, we are to be His hands, His feet, His eyes and His love in the world. God wants us to live holy lives, grow in character and virtue and become the best-version-of-ourselves.

As we learned from Michael O’Neill, “The Miracle Hunter”, at our Parish Mission miracles are happening all around us every day. God provides unexplainable wonders to help us on our path to holiness.

At St. Irene, our Lenten focus will be creating “Holy Moments.” To begin our journey, you are invited to spend one hour with Jesus to experience the JOY of His Holy Presence. Then we will go forth to bring His holiness to the world.

You might be asking, “What are Holy Moments?” Matthew Kelly provides a list of ideas on page 50 and 51 in his book. Here are some of these ideas:

♦ Begin each day with a short prayer of gratitude thanking God for giving you another day of life.
♦ Go out of your way to do something for your spouse that you would rather not do, as an intentional act of love.
♦ Offer the least enjoyable task of your day to God as a prayer for someone who is suffering.
♦ Control your temper, even if you are fully justified in losing it. Stay calm in the midst of a crisis.
♦ Encourage someone, praise someone, affirm someone, coach someone.
♦ Be patient with the person who drives you crazy.
♦ Do someone else’s chores.
♦ Teach someone how to pray.
♦ Get honest with yourself about your self-destructive habits.

A HOLY MOMENT banner will hang in church during Lent for us to share the ways we are changing the world…one moment at a time!

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

MASS SCHEDULE

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
♦ Worship the Lord your God.

Background: Today’s reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reflects the central beliefs of the Israelites. The people offered a portion of the first harvest of the year to acknowledge that the land belonged to God. The recited creed was an expression of gratitude to God.

Reading II: Romans 10:8-13
♦ There is only one God.

Background: The passage from the Letter to the Romans stresses Paul’s belief that Jesus is Lord. Jesus trusted in God, His Father, and was raised from the dead. What we must do to share in that salvation is simply to believe in the risen Lord.

♦ Jesus is led into the desert and tempted.

Background: In today’s Gospel passage, the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Just as God led Israel out of Egypt, nourished them for forty years in the desert, and gave them the Promised Land, so God would care for Jesus during and after His forty days in the desert. Jesus passed the test because His trust in God never wavered.

Theme: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

Question for Adults:
As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil’s offerings is hardest for you to resist?

Question for Youth:
What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life?

Question for Children:
When you feel tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

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.
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**Fifth Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless (May 19)**

As a sure sign of spring, the annual Hustle up the Hill is just around the corner. Every year this event gets bigger and better. This year will be no exception. Are you ready to conquer the mountain? How many times can you hustle up Blackwell's Mt. Hoy? Beautiful Mt. Hoy, which rises 836 feet above sea level, gives you an awesome panoramic view of the western suburbs and if the skies are clear, you can see the Chicago skyline in the distance. But first, you have to get to the top. Lace up your running (or walking) shoes and join us as we have fun while raising funds for Bridge Communities. Run solo or form a team. Run with the family. Do your thing. T-shirts and gourmet coffee await you at the finish line. Register on Active.com, search “Hustle Up The Hill.” For more information, contact guinndel@aol.com.

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Our Holiday church cleaning will take place on Sunday, March 31st after 10AM Mass.**

This is a wonderful way to serve our community and honor our Lord as together we work to prepare His house for the season of Advent.

Families are invited. Children may serve with a parent. Please bring buckets and rags. Cleaning products will be provided.

Contact Katie Augustynowicz via email or text if you will be joining in the fun!

- katieaugustynowicz@hotmail.com
- or text her at 630.772.3171.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, March 10
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)

Monday, March 11
1-2:30p - Bible Study (ACL).
7-9p - Faith Formation (Staff)

Tuesday, March 12
5:30-7p - Elementary RE (S, C, AC)
7-9p - Bridge Communities (Staff)
7-9p - Athletic Association (S)
7:30-8:30p - Ladies of Columbus (ACL)

Wednesday, March 13
8:30-11a - PACE (ACL)
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6:30-8p - Jr. High RE (S, AC)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, March 14
6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

Friday, March 15
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
6-7p - Pizza Dinner (ACL)
7-7:30p - Family Stations of the Cross (C)
7:30-9p - Soup Supper (ACL)

Saturday, March 16
7a-12p - KC Blood Drive (ACL)
6-10p - St. Joseph’s/St. Patrick’s Day Table (ACL)

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

WISH TO DONATE A CAR?

St. Irene is sponsoring two families that are transitioning from homelessness to independent living. One of these families is in need of a car. Mom and daughter have a car that needs to be replaced soon! Any donation would be tax deductible thru BRIDGE COMMUNITIES a 501(3)C agency, who is our partner in getting our families to self-sufficiency. If you have any questions please contact Bob LaDeur at rladeur@hotmail.com or 630.918.5121.

A Sincere Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank 21 fellow Knights, parishioners, and other organization and church members that participated at the Feed My Starving Children packing event in February. Thanks to dedication and hard work of 161 total volunteers, 253 boxes of food (7 pallets) were packed - a total of 54,648 meals worth $12,022. This is the equivalent of feeding 149 children for a year! The food was shipped to Haiti and Swaziland and the Knights graciously donated $100 to help defray the cost of the food. Again, thank you!

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.
**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.

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**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, March 11**
40 Hour Devotion Continues

7:00AM - Florence Rossler/ Cathy Kott

**Tuesday, March 12**
Lenten Weekday

7:00AM - Meg Higgins/ Friends
8:15AM - Closing Liturgy for 40 Hour Devotion

**Wednesday, March 13**
Lenten Weekday

7:00AM - Jim Winter/ Friends
Mary Ferguson/ Bernadette

**Thursday, March 14**
Lenten Weekday

7:00AM - John Schefke/ Fr. Jim
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, March 15**
Lenten Weekday; Abstinence

7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
8:15AM - No Grade School Mass

**Saturday, March 16**
Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00PM - Lanson & Gloria Robinson/ Friends

**Sunday, March 17**
Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM - Paul Grzybek/ Kathy
10:00AM - Greg True/ St. Irene Community
Mary Gattone/ Family

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**Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines**

**Sunday Bulletin:**  Deadline is 8AM on:

- March 31, 2019 Friday, March 15
- April 14, 2019 Wednesday, April 3
- April 21, 2019 Wednesday, April 10
- April 28, 2019 Wednesday, April 17

Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.