I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20
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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SHOPRight

Help your parish, while planning your **Easter celebration**. Buy gift cards through SHOPRight to purchase your Easter candy, Easter bonnets, dinner and some fun. We have over 700 vendors that give percentages of the purchase to St. Irene including Fannie May (25%), Mariano’s (4%), Jewel (4%), Maggiano’s (11%) Macy’s (10%), & TopGolf (10%).

There are 3 types of Cards:

- **Physical** – pick up at Mass the weekend after your order
- **Reload** – add more $$ to the physical card previously purchased directly from your home computer or phone, **ready for immediate use and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup**
- **ScripNow eCard** – purchase directly from your computer or phone, **ready for immediate use, and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup**

**Order Before 4PM on:** | **Pick Up at Mass on:**
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Sunday, March 31st | April 6 & 7
Sunday, April 7th | April 13 & 14

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**Lenten Bible Study**

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:** April 8, 15

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**Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry**

Please remember us for our upcoming Easter needs of hams, canned fruit and vegetables, yams, frosting, jello, pancake mix & syrup.

Bring Easter Hams to the Parish Center by Friday, April 12th. The loving spirit of the St. Irene Community is shown through our generosity to the poor.

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**Shari Meyers**

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**Mass Schedule**

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
Congratulations to Our Confirmandi

Jenitizia ELENA Aranda    Aiden SEBASTIAN Arbetman    Olivia THERESE Bouchard
Jaidyn JOHN PAUL Buziecki Brandon ANDREW Carstens Grace GEMMA Davidson
Emily ELIGIUS Davis   Brandon JOHN Duran Perla PHILOMENA Farfán
Emma GIANNA Fasano   Ethan MICHAEL Flowers Leonard LEO Garcia
Isabella JOHN ALMOND Gaspero   Noah MICHAEL Herbst Makayla FRANCIS Horner
Marco SEBASTIAN Inserro   Marco FRANCIS Ioli Benjamin ANTHONY Jimenez
Katherine TERESA Jensen   Giada CATHERINE Locke Alex FRANCIS Marotto
Nicholas JEROME Moritz   Elizabeth ELIZABETH O'Leary Colin ANTHONY O'Malley
Alexander BALTHASAR Ochoa   Brianna CATHERINE Ochoa Sean PETER Ochoa
Ryan JOSEPH Petranek   Carter JOHN Riggs Jolette FRANCIS Rosendo
Elen GIANNA Ryson   Benjamin RAPHAEL Sanchez Ella HELENA Schechter
Rachel VERONICA Schmitz   Jacob FRANCIS Smagacz Shea SEBASTIAN Voegtle
Genevieve FRANCIS Wagner   Nicole TERESA Wojtowicz William MICHAEL Wojtyla
Joshua JOSHUA Yates   Jessica La VIRGEN de GUADALUPE Tochimani

High School Confirmandi
Javier XAVIER Tecuatl

Adult Confirmandi
Salvador JUDE Tellez

What is Divine Mercy? Prepare to be AMAZED!

Join us to view the film Divine Mercy 101 on Sunday, April 14th in the ACL following the 10AM Mass. This is a one hour presentation by Fr. Mike Alar, MIC. Refreshments will be served.

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus’ entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Sukkoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, *forsythia* branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer *pussywillows*, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ’s victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21
♦ God makes a new way for us.

Background: After exile in Babylon, the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem. The Jewish people were aware that the trip back to Jerusalem would be arduous and lead them to a devastated county in need of rebuilding. In today’s first reading, the prophet encourages the people to accept deliverance in this new exodus.

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14
♦ Freedom is knowing Christ Jesus.

Background: In his letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of a different kind of liberation. Jewish Christians in Philippi insisted that Christians, including Gentiles, could be saved only by keeping all the prescriptions of Jewish law. Paul insists that salvation comes not through scrupulous observance of the law but through faith in Christ and His resurrection.

Gospel: John 8:1-11
♦ Who is without sin and can throw the first stone.

Background: In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees, intent on trapping Jesus, present a woman accused of adultery to Him. Jesus did not contradict the law nor declare the woman guiltless. Instead, He forgave the repentant sinner and confronted her accusers with their own sinfulness.

Theme: Jesus’ love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

Question for Adults:
Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

Question for Youth:
Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Children:
How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God’s forgiveness?

Divine Mercy Sunday
On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.” Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God’s mercy, Rich in Mercy, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. Likewise, Pope Francis continues to emphasize this foundational belief of our Church. We, as Catholics, are profoundly called to reflect, in a prayerful and devout way, on the message of God’s mercy.

Please join your faith community in acknowledging and accepting the merciful love of God, during a special holy hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th, from 3-4PM in the Church.

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus
Contributes $4169 to St. Irene Stand Strong School Fund with proceeds from the Super Bowl Raffle

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all the parishioners and the Knights who participated in this year’s Super Bowl Raffle. Of the 300 tickets 266 were sold in the three pools. Half of the gross receipts were awarded as cash prizes and the other half less party expenses were given to the St. Irene School fund. At the Super Bowl Party, 25 attendees enjoyed good food, watched the football game, and had the opportunity to directly participate in the raffle drawings throughout the football game. All had a good time.

The top $500 winners were:
Bob Rauko and James Bartz

The $250 winners were:
Mark Rurka, Janet Graczyk, Council 6710, Mike Bates, and Dan Wolze

Other winners included:
Are you clearing your calendar for the Sacred Triduum?

We Begin: Thursday, April 18th at 7PM with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Let us enter into the sacred mysteries together. After listening to the scriptures, we will wash one another’s feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life. We process with food and alms for the poor. We celebrate the Eucharist. We enter into the Paschal fast. We keep vigil. The evening has no ending.

We Continue: We gather quietly on Friday, April 19th at 3PM and listen to scripture. We pray for all the world’s needs. We reverence the holy cross. We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ repose in the tomb.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday: Hungry now and excited, on Saturday, April 20th at 8PM the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and renew our baptismal promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. We break the fast with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. This is what we are about.

Come be church when the church is at her best.

Let’s fill the church in praise of God. Many hands (and feet!) are needed to make these liturgies a profound experience for the entire parish. Sign up to help with the many ministry opportunities available. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18
  Morning Prayer: 7AM
  The Lord’s Supper: 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19
  Morning Prayer: 7AM
  The Lord’s Passion: 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20
  Morning Prayer: 8AM
  Preparation Rites for Elect: 9AM
  Blessing of Baskets: 12PM

THE EASTERN VIGIL MASS
  Blessing of New Fire: 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21
  Masses: 8AM & 10AM

All are invited to bring a can of food to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 18th at 7PM. During the offertory procession the assembly will be invited to bring their gifts forth as a sign of solidarity with the poor.

Incense will be used on April 13 at the 5PM Mass & April 14 at 10AM. It will also be used at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8PM and on Easter Sunday at 10AM. If incense bothers your allergies, please celebrate with us at one of the other Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration

We need coverage for ALL hours of adoration which runs from 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.

BUNCO! 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 functional life skills. So mark your calendars to have a lot of fun while helping a great organization!
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, April 7**
- 7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
- 10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-1p - Easter Egg Hunt (Fr. Jim’s Lawn)
- 2-6p - Confirmation (AC)

**Monday, April 8**
- 1-2:30p - Lenten Bible Study (ACL)
- 7-9p - Faith Formation (Staff)

**Tuesday, April 9**
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (S,C, ACL)
- 7-8p - Bridge Communities (Staff)
- 7-8p - Athletic Association (HF)

**Wednesday, April 10**
- 8:30-11a - PACE (ACL)
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (S, ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, April 11**
- 6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

**Friday, April 12**
- 12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
- 3:30-11p - Elementary Religious Education (AC)
- 7-7:30p - Stations of the Cross (C)
- 7-8:30p - Soup Supper (ACL)

**Saturday, April 13**
- 8a-12p - First Communion Retreat (C, AC)

**Sunday, April 14**
- 11a-12p - Divine Mercy 101 (ACL)

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**Volunteers needed for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

Phone 630.393.2400 x 122 if you can help with the following:

- **Apostles**: 12 people needed. Fr. Jim will wash your feet. You will then wash the feet of the people in the assembly. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Bowl/Pitcher bearers**: 12 people needed to carry the bowl/pitcher for the apostles. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Disciples**: You will be seated in the assembly and have your feet washed by one of the 12. No rehearsal is required but you will need to arrive 20-30 minutes early, with a towel, to get your seating assignment.
- **Banner bearers**: 3 people are needed for Holy Thursday. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Oil bearers**: 3 people are needed to carry in the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Candle bearers**: 4 people are needed to carry candles for the enthronement of the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.

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**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.

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**The Stations of the Cross**

are a popular devotion among Catholics. Through prayer, we reflect in following Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary and we honor the passion of Jesus. St. Irene offers Stations of the Cross each Friday night at 7PM during Lent. Immediately following the Stations there is a “Soup Supper” in the ACL. Please follow the Cross during Lent - follow Jesus in His passion and see yourself mirrored in Him.

Are you interested in making your favorite soup, or trying a new recipe? Please contact Rosario at 630.988.9753 or rosario.herbst@gmail.com.
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.

Paulette Porter
Pat Wehner
Gary Rufo
Ann Mulcahy
Dan Cyrus
Barb Olson
Lynette Meany
Don Clevenger, Jr.

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

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Deadline is 8AM on:
April 21, 2019 Wednesday, April 10
April 28, 2019 Wednesday, April 17

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

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Individual confession for Lent will be offered on Tuesday, April 9th from 7-8PM.

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, Groton, CT
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohner USMC - Camp Pendelton Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K. Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers
♦ Nathan Egert