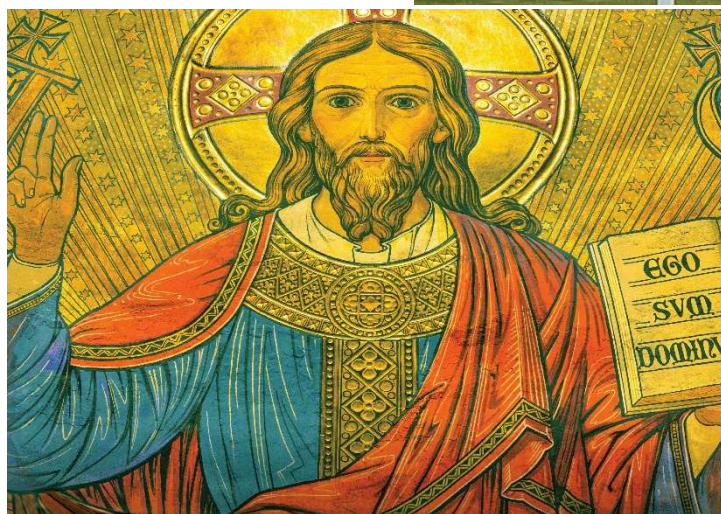


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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Welcome!

Join us for Mass!

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday | 8:00am
Wednesday | 12:00pm
Thursday, Friday | 7:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday | Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

Confessions

Every Saturday at 3:30pm

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Mon., Tue. & Wed. 8:30am-4:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22, 4:30PM

†Carla Brown / Young Family

†Stuart Carstens / Family

Sunday, November 23, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 23, 10:00AM

†Michael Cultro / Marge Steinhoff

†Paul Druley / Friends of Kevin

Monday, November 24, 8:00AM

†Barney Keating / Yvonne

Tuesday, November 25, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, November 26, 12:00PM

†Donald Tousignant / Arlene Tousignant

Thursday, November 27, 9:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Friday, November 28, 7:00AM

†Irene Bollweg / Family

Saturday, November 29, 4:30PM

†George C. Andel / Church Ladies

Sunday, November 30, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 30, 10:00AM

†Edwin Drafke / 1st Anniversary

Mary Hafertepe for healing / Carl Seaberg

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/

Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6,

13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62,

63, 64, 65, 66, 67/

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/

Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,

74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75,

76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/

Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86,

87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2,

3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Tyler O'Malley

Gregory LaRocco

Chuck Dutton

Katie Stanutz

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Olsen Martin

Jim Stoudt

Kathy Aranda

Rich Planek

Fr. Gerald Riva

Bev Murphy

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Ken Intihar

Mary Colgan

Gary Naberhaus

Baby Parker

Carlos Contreras

Jennifer Tomashek

Rob Siebert

Donna Bernstein

Paula Peterson

Jim McDermott

Christopher Kennedy

Leonardo Przybylek

David Peterson

Theo Reed

****Names will remain on the list for 3 months, please notify the parish office to add or remove names.**

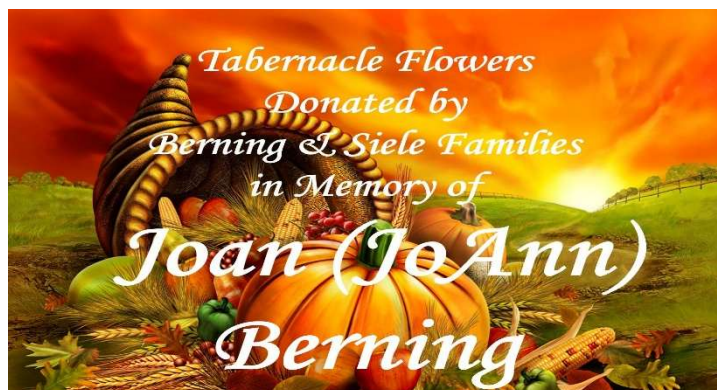
OBSERVANCES for the Week of Nov 23

Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day::

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



HAPPY Thanksgiving

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

FOR HE IS GOOD!

Join us for Mass at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day!
Before you go Black Friday Shopping, join us for Mass at 7:00am



*Hang up your stocking, put out your shoes
cuz on December 4th we've got good news!
It's a couple of days early, and maybe a hunch,
that St. Nicholas is coming to the Senior Lunch Bunch!*

Senior Lunch Bunch
December 4 at 11:30am in the ACL
featuring Maggiano's catered luncheon with
Chicken Francese, Lasagna, and Maggiano's Salad

Come enjoy the beautiful voices of the
Wheaton Warrenville South Choir

RSVP by November 30 to Carrie Beale
630-997-3276 or starfire56@comcast.net

WHEATON DRAMA



Come see fellow St. Irene parishioner and
choir member

Sean Lynch

perform in **White Christmas** at Wheaton
Drama

November 21-December 14.

Tickets can be purchased at the door

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

See the flock notes for the next excerpt of
Bishop Hicks' **MAKE** pastoral letter.



St. Irene/Bridge Transitional Housing Committee - Family #15 – November 2025 Update

We are very excited to welcome Family #15 to the Transitional Housing Program. This family consists of a mother and daughter who signed their housing contract on October 30th and are moving in on November 15th. This client will meet with mentors every week for the next two years with the goal of reaching independent living and the ability to budget and prioritize spending.

The mentor team is made up of two mentors from St. Irene's and two from St. Timothy Lutheran (Naperville).

Our client has a very good job and just received a promotion before starting the program. We look forward to having our client pay off outstanding debt and changing spending habits. Please pray for this client and the mentors as we embark on this journey together.

Join the **Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass** Family Choir

for Children and Youth ages 5+ and their musical family members of all ages.

Contact
ellen@st-irene.org

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:30 PM, Dec. 2, 9, 23



CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 12

5:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Assemble in St. Irene ACL
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Carol through Warrenville neighborhoods and collect food for Neighborhood Food Pantry
7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Cookies and hot cocoa



Bring your family and friends to join our St. Irene community filling the air with the joyous news of Christ's birth.

REGISTER BY DEC 1 USING FORM ON NARTHEX INFO DESK

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



December 7 after 10:00am Mass in the ACL

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast! Join us to let Santa know what you would like for Christmas!

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our website.

BAPTISMS: Call Maggie Detwiler on x122.

MARRIAGES: Call Pamela Keating on x120 to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 3:30pm.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass, call the Parish Office.

CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Deacon Joe Urso at 630-853-2070, or at joe.urso@outlook.com.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.



FAMILY TIME: HOW TO DISCUSS THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR CHILDREN!!!!



Questions:

- + Have you ever had a day where one bad thing after another kept happening?
- + And, maybe you get so mad that when someone asks you, "Hey, what's wrong?"
- + You might yell at them, "Leave me alone!"

Tie it to the Gospel

- In the Gospel, we hear about these trying times for Jesus and how he reacts.
- He's been arrested and punished for something he didn't do, and while he's slowly *dying* from that punishment, EVERYONE is making fun of him.
- It is the worst of worst days for Jesus.
- But, amazingly, Jesus does not get mad.
- Instead, Jesus does an amazing thing and asks God to forgive the people.
- Later on, when a second criminal, who was also having a really bad day, asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus did not say, "Go away! Leave me alone!"
- Instead Jesus said, "You will be with me."

Our Mission:

- Today's story, as sad as it is, is an important reminder that inviting God's presence and guidance into our worst days keeps us from sharing our bad day with others...
- ...and, instead, helps us share God's love and forgiveness with others...
- ...just like Jesus did in today's Gospel.



U.S. Bishops Issue a “Special Message” on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025—As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government’s contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publications of the Conference, a “Special Message” may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops’ Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care.

We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation’s immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church’s teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God’s compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those

who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church’s concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord’s command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain
men and women of hope,
and hope does not disappoint! (cf.
Romans 5:5)*

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ

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Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

We've heard from some Warrenville folks already, asking how they can help the pantry at a moment when a lot of increased traffic is expected there. Items that are always needed, **which people can drop off at the food pantry on Mondays and Thursdays between 2:30 and 5:00 pm:**

Canned corn

Canned fruit (any variety)

Rice: 1 lb or 2 lb bags

Canned tuna or canned chicken

Kraft macaroni & cheese

To receive food, come for "in person" shopping at the pantry on **Sundays 1:00-3:00pm and Tuesdays 11:00am-1:00pm**. For those who cannot come in person or prefer not to, we also offer an order ahead program where they can pre-order online (go to orderahead.org and click on the IPC site) and then drive thru and pick up the order on Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

***Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.
Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road (next door to
Immanuel Presbyterian Church).***

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

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2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Results

November 9, 2025



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Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual membership drive on the weekend of **November 22-23** After all masses. We need all men, the young and old, the shy and the bold to join us in our mission of Charity, Faith and Service to the St. Irene Parish Community and beyond. Your involvement can be as little as one event per year or more in a multitude of charities meeting the needs of our community. If you have any questions, contact any one of the Knights.



Giving Tree

Tags will be on the Giving Trees in the vestibule starting November 29.

This year we will be supporting:
***Warrenville Youth Center**
***Bridge Community Families**



Upcoming Events

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November 23 | after 10:00am Mass

Church Fall Cleaning: Contact Katie Augustynowicz if you would like to help.

November 24 | 6:15pm

Handbell Practice : Contact Ellen Coman for information.

November 25 | 5:00pm

Family Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

November 26 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

December 1 | 6:00pm

Little Flowers Girls Club: Girls 5 and up and their Moms join us to learn about our Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions meet in the Mobiles.

December 1 | 6:00pm

Chili Cook-Off Planning Meeting: Join us for the planning of a great event in the Parish Center.

December 2 | 5:00pm

Family Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

December 3 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

December 4 | 11:30am

Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for a St. Nicholas themed lunch and the Wheaton Warrenville South Choir. RSVP to Carrie Beale.

Church Cleaning Day!

**Sunday, November 23
following 10:00am Mass**

Bring a bucket and some rags, we will have the cleaning products.

We could also use vacuums to clean faster.

Bring your family, there is something for everyone to do!

*Contact Katie Augustynowicz at
630-772-3171 or
call the Parish Office.*



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

November 25 – No RE

November 27 – Thanksgiving

December 10 – First Reconciliation 6:00pm

December 16 – Catholic Parent Night – Parish Center

December 23 – No RE

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 30 – No RE

December 4 | 6:00pm

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Center to discuss church activities. In case of changes, call the parish office to confirm.

December 5 | Fridays 1:00pm

Daytime Small Christian Communities: Join us to read and discuss the scriptures for the weekend.

December 5 | 7:00pm

First Friday Holy Hour: Join us for exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction.

**Parish Offices will be closed for the
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