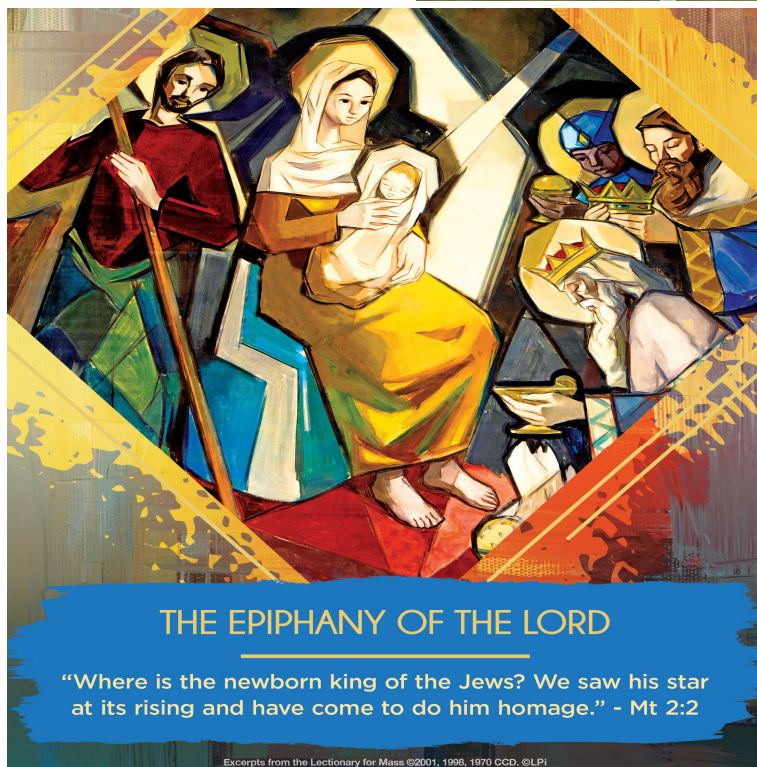


January
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2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
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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

Church Open for Prayer:

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

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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 3, 4:30PM**†John Kometz/Marty & Susan Kometz
†Karen & Ron Battaglia/Susan Battaglia**Sunday, January 4, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, January 4, 10:00AMMary Hafertepe for healing/Carl Seaberg
†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies**Monday, January 5, 8:00AM**

†Dianne Kroll

Tuesday, January 6, 8:00AM

Morning Mass Group

Wednesday, January 7, 12:00PM

†Jim Jennings Jr. / Yvonne

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, January 8, 9:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, January 9, 7:00AM

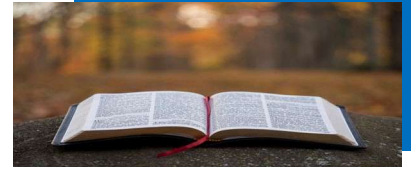
†Ann Harrigan/Marty & Susan Kometz

Saturday, January 10, 4:30PM†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
†Kristen Ziaja / Jim & Cindy Hoch**Sunday, January 11, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, January 11, 10:00AM

†Glen Kussman / Terri Kussman

**WEEKLY READINGS**bible.usccb.org**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/

Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/

Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/

Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps

149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and

9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/

Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Chuck Dutton

Katie Stanutz

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

Doreene Camardo

Kathy Aranda

Rich Planek

Fr. Gerald Riva

Bev Murphy

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Ken Intihar

Mary Kay Colgan

Gary Naberhaus

Karen Udell

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Rob Siebert

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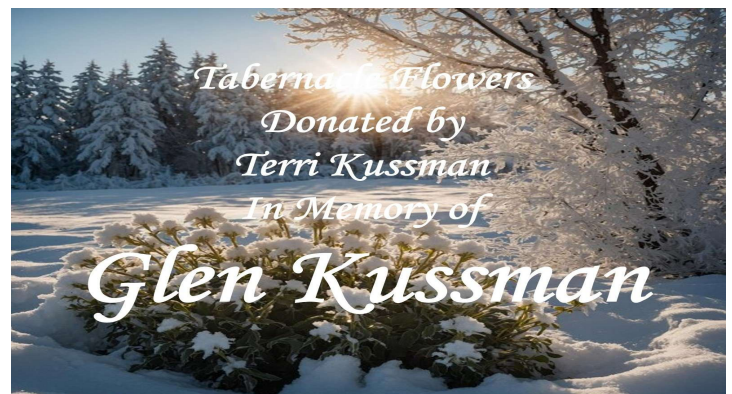
Leonardo Przybylek

David Peterson

Theo Reed

Fr. John Ouper

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

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Jan 4**Monday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop**Tuesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious**Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort,
Priest**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



Be a part of this new chapter!

Masses will be held in our former church (ACL/ACU) starting January 12, 2026.

For those unable to climb stairs, video/audio for masses each week will be simulcast in the ACL, which is ramp-accessible

For more information, visit our "Christ at Our Center" page on our website.

Come Join Us as We Discuss "The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien"



Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)

**When: Every other Monday Beginning in January
(1/12/26, 1/26/26, 2/9/23, 2/23/26, 3/9/26, 3/23/26)**

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org

Bereaved Holiday Season Bill of Rights

As a grieving person, you have certain inalienable rights that cannot be taken away from you by those who may not understand.

When grieving during the holiday season, you have the right to:

- 1. Feel what you feel and be politely honest with others about it. If you do not feel merry, cheerful, or otherwise festive, then say so.**
- 2. Reserve your feelings. If you would rather say, "I am fine," that is okay.**
- 3. Avoid parties or family gatherings where your loved one and your grief are not welcome.**
- 4. Take time for yourself, whether this is a walk alone, a day in bed, or some other momentary escape.**
- 5. Cry when it hurts, laugh when something is funny, and smile when you are happy. Don't feel guilty about any of it.**
- 6. Have your loved one remembered in a way that is meaningful to you.**
- 7. Change your mind repeatedly during any get-together, event, or party. You may not know what you can or cannot handle until faced with it.**
- 8. Change traditions when necessary or desired. Traditions are supposed to bring comfort, not distress.**
- 9. Enjoy your holidays. Your loved one is going to be celebrating with you. It doesn't mean that you have forgotten or are being disrespectful. Living life is a wonderful way to honor them.**
- 10. Try again next year if this year does not turn out the way that you want.**

Trivia Night

SAVE THE DATE

St. Irene Trivia Night
Saturday, January 17 in the ACL
5:30pm – Doors Open
6:00pm – Trivia begins!

**Raffles, games, and
 plenty of music ... it's part of the trivia!**

Reserve your table or spot today!

Email: kevin.Drueley@gmail.com

Call/text: 314-973-8670

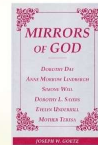
Trivia night benefits our parish.

ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF 35th ANNUAL

April 11, 2026!!!

Due to the Church Renovations, the **Chili Cook-Off** has been rescheduled to **April 11, 2026**. If you have any questions regarding donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or being a contestant, please contact Jeff Schmitz at lcschmitz1@comcast.net.

Women's Book Study



Mirrors of God by Joseph W. Goetz

Why should you join us?

Mirrors of God shows us that we are
 meant to reflect the Creator—
 not perfectly, but faithfully.

In six brief chapters, author Joseph W. Goetz helps us:

- Ponder spiritual truths
- Repent and refocus
- Align with God's vision

He does this beautifully through the stories of six women
 who have modeled this faithful reflection of God.

Study Details:

Dates: Feb. 16th and March 2nd

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Location: St. Irene School Building Room 202

Lead by: Shannon M Burns is retired as a nationally known consultant and
 trainer on ethical issues, public engagement, corporate consultation, personal
 wellness and environmental issues. Dr. Burns now devotes her time and creativity to
 leading thought provoking book discussions.

Bring your book or let us know if you'd like a copy.

All women are welcome!

Come grow in faith and community.

To sign up or learn more:

Contact: Maggie Detwiler - maggie@st-irene.org



♦ START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

♦ Give the gift of time to each other this year!

♦ On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to
 prioritize the important things.

♦ Make 2026 the best year of your marriage by signing up today for a
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 13-15 in
 Geneva, IL, April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont or May 16-17 in Chicago.

For more info go to: wwme.org or call (888) 574-5653

♦ Early registration is highly recommended.



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.



Questions:

- + Have you ever had a friend who told you to do something that you know is not right?
- + Did you listen to your friend?
- + How do you know what God wants you to do?

Tie it to the Gospel

- This Sunday we are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. This is when the Three Wise Men visited the Holy Family and brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.
- God came to the Wise Men in a dream telling them not to return to Herod because Herod wanted to harm Jesus.
- The Wise Men listened to the dream and returned home another way so that they did not have to tell Herod where the Holy Family was staying.

Our Mission:

- Just like the Wise Men, we need to always be listening to God.
- God will always help us make good choices if we listen to his call.
- This is why the Holy Spirit was sent to us when Jesus returned to heaven.
- This is a time of resolutions – why not resolve to pray more and really try to listen to God!!!

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



Did you know you can make your donations automatically?
You can enroll at <https://st-irene.churchgiving.com>
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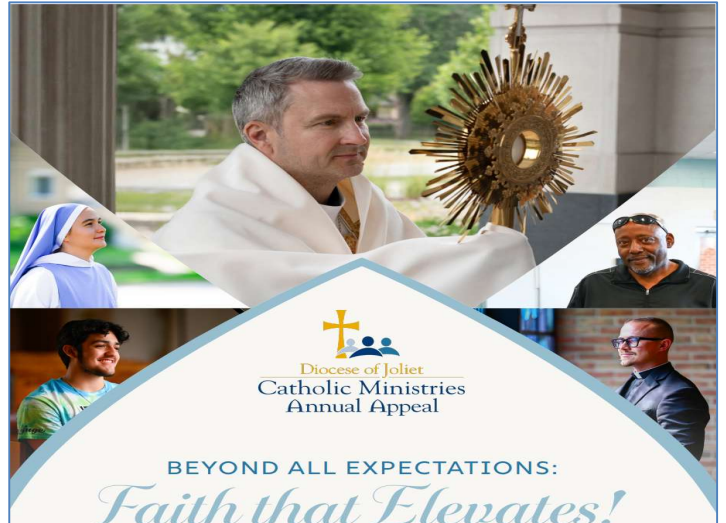
Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

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, Pasta
Canned tuna, chicken, or beans
Cooking Oil, Kraft macaroni & cheese
Breakfast foods, Cereal, Oats

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).*



Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:
Faith that Elevates!

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to
support the **2026 Catholic Ministries Annual
Appeal (CMAA)**. Together, we can make a
profound difference.

This year's theme is ***Beyond all Expectations:
Faith that Elevates!*** Through the CMAA, we
ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach
everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed
the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next
generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot
accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so
much more.

Please review your mailing from the Diocese of
Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please
contact the parish office. Thank you!



The collection for the Church in Latin
America is approaching on **January 24-25**.

Our parish's generosity supports many
pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in
Latin America and the Caribbean, including
the educational costs of seminarians and
permanent deacons in Brazil and the funds to
bring the sacraments to inmates in Ecuador's
most dangerous prison.

Upcoming Events

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January 3-4 | All Masses

Epiphany: Come to Mass to get your house blessing chalk.

January 5 | 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.

January 5 | 6:00pm

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

January 7 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

January 8 | 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Monthly meeting for the Knights of Columbus in the ACL.

January 8 | 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.

January 9 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

January 10-11 | After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality: Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **January**? Contact the Parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality too!



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

January 19 – *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

January 20 – *Catholic Parent Night*

February 3 – *No RE*



Skip it, don't sip it!

Gentle reminder ...
if you are feeling sick, please don't partake of the cup.

January 12 | 7:00pm

Bridge Communities Meeting: The Bridge Communities Group will meet in the Parish Center – Holy Family Meeting Room to discuss activities.

January 12 | 7:00pm

The Pursuit of Wisdom Series: Come join us as we discuss "The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien" meeting in School Room 202.

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December 24 thru January 4, 2026**

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