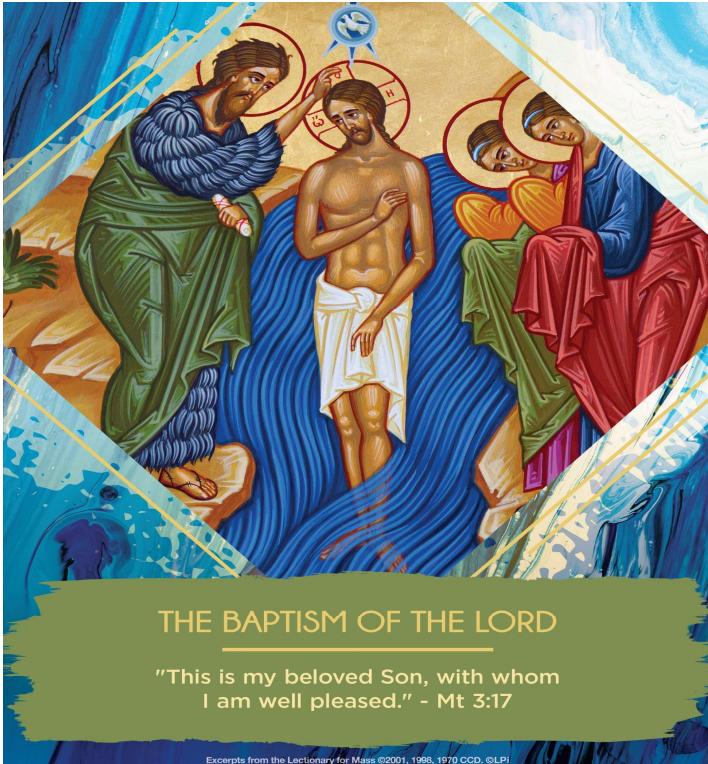


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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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 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  
†Carolyn Caughlany/Nancy & Less**Monday, January 12, 8:00AM**

A Smooth Renovation for St. Irene

**Tuesday, January 13, 8:00AM**†Jane Egert / 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**Wednesday, January 14, 12:00PM**†Deacon Bob True / 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.**† = Deceased*

## WEEKLY READINGS

[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/  
Mk 1:14-20**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/  
Mk 2:1-12**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7/Mk 2:13-17**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## 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

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

Kathy Aranda  
Rich Planek  
Fr. Gerald Riva  
Bev Murphy  
Brad George  
Mary Hefertepe  
Ken Intihar  
Mary Kay Colgan  
Gary Naberhaus  
Karen Udell  
William Hawkins

Jennifer Tomashek  
Rob Siebert  
Donna Bernstein  
Paula Peterson  
Jim McDermott  
Christopher Kennedy  
Leonardo Przybylek  
David Peterson  
Theo Reed  
Fr. John Ouper

## OBSERVANCES for the Week of Jan 11

**Tuesday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**Saturday:** St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Community



Be a part of this new chapter!

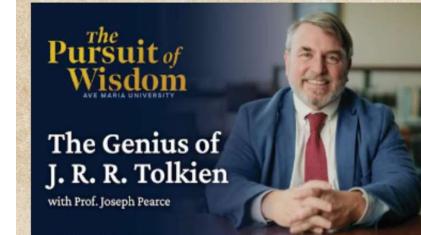
**Masses will be held in our former church (ACL/ACU) starting January 12, 2026.**

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

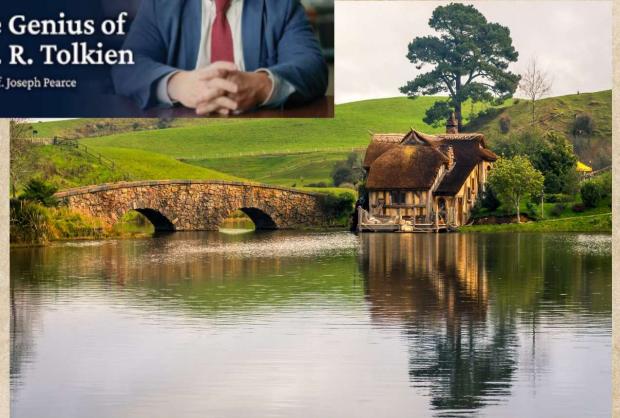
For more information, visit our “Christ at Our Center” page on our website.



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



The Genius of  
J. R. R. Tolkien  
with Prof. Joseph Pearce



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

*Happy Anniversary!*

Kevin & Shannon Druley  
Don & Barbara Mathieu  
James & Barbara Sevenich

**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our web site.

**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](mailto:joe.urso@outlook.com).

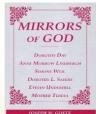
**SICK CALLS:** Call the Parish Office.



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## Parish Community

### 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. 16<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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.

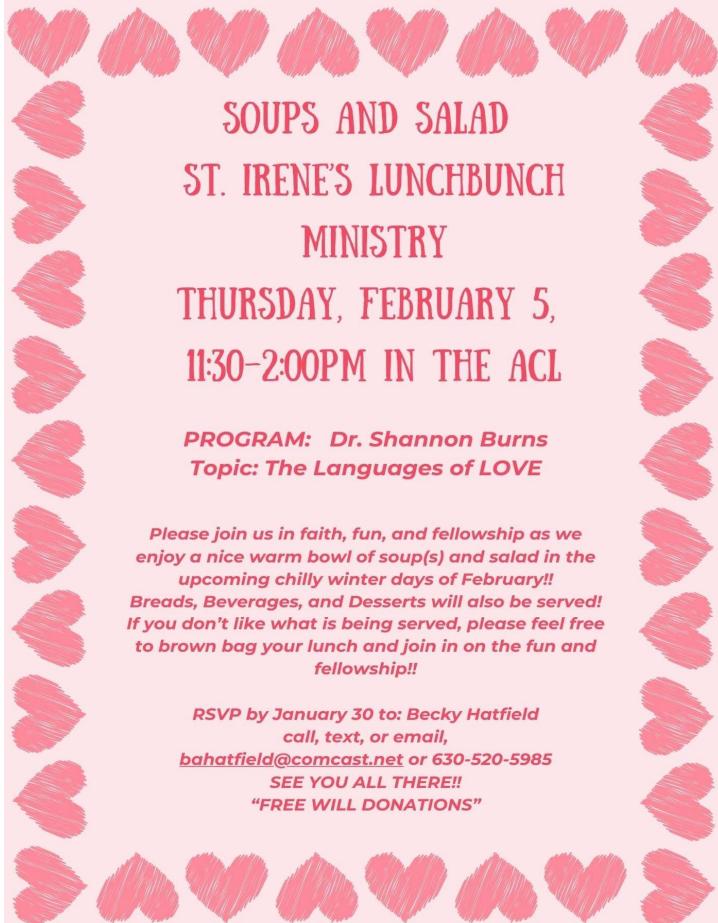
Bring your book or let us know if you'd like a copy.

All women are welcome!

Come grow in faith and community.

To sign up or learn more:

Contact: Maggie Detwiler - [maggie@st-irene.org](mailto:maggie@st-irene.org)



**SOUPS AND SALAD**  
**ST. IRENE'S LUNCHBUNCH**  
**MINISTRY**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5,**  
**11:30-2:00PM IN THE ACL**

**PROGRAM: Dr. Shannon Burns**  
**Topic: The Languages of LOVE**

*Please join us in faith, fun, and fellowship as we enjoy a nice warm bowl of soup(s) and salad in the upcoming chilly winter days of February!! Breads, Beverages, and Desserts will also be served! If you don't like what is being served, please feel free to brown bag your lunch and join in on the fun and fellowship!!*

**RSVP by January 30 to: Becky Hatfield**  
**call, text, or email,**  
**[bahatfield@comcast.net](mailto:bahatfield@comcast.net) or 630-520-5985**  
**SEE YOU ALL THERE!!**  
**"FREE WILL DONATIONS"**



### January 17 - Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition at **Bower Elementary School gym**, on **Saturday, January 17**. Contestants can arrive at any time from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Enter the school from the south parking lot.

Awards will be presented to the winners of each age group for girls and for boys. Winners will have the opportunity to progress to the District and then to larger area competitions.

A parent or guardian will need to sign an entry form before their child can compete. Entry forms will be available at the Bower gym during the competition hours.

To ensure a great turnout, please inform others about this worthwhile event. Contact Tom Nemo at 630-808-1900 or at [tejn74@yahoo.com](mailto:tejn74@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



**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.Druley@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.Druley@gmail.com)  
Call/text: 314-973-8670  
**Trivia night benefits our parish.**

### Ring a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



Our St. Irene handbell program is expanding and will begin offering weekly rehearsals. Come join the fun!  
Rehearsing Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:15 PM beginning January 14  
music-readers ages 9+ welcome!  
contact [ellen@st-irene.org](mailto:ellen@st-irene.org) if interested



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



### Questions:

- + Do you remember your own baptism?
- + Most likely not if you were an infant.
- + Do you think that your baptism was as special as Jesus' baptism?

### Tie it to the Gospel

- Today we hear the story of Jesus' baptism.
- John does not feel worthy to baptize Jesus because he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus reminds John that this needs to be done. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."
- God tells everyone, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
- God wants everyone to know that even though Jesus is getting baptized, he is God's son.

### Our Mission:

- When we think of our baptism, often we just give it a quick thought and do not realize the real importance of that day because we were infants at the time.
- Our baptism is more than just white clothes, a candle, oil, and water.
- The day we were baptized is just as special as Jesus' baptism. God loves us so much and is so happy that we are choosing to live our lives as he has wanted.

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# Stewardship & Liturgical Life

## Stewardship of Treasure

Week of December 15 - December 21  
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,510.92	\$ 500.00

## Stewardship of Treasure

Week of December 22 – December 28  
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 11,763.31	\$ 510.00

**Immaculate Conception \$1,676.00**



## Johnson Family Connection Meal January 15, 6:00pm

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

If you are interested in this ministry and would like to help, sign-up at link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AEA623A4F49-61463882-january>

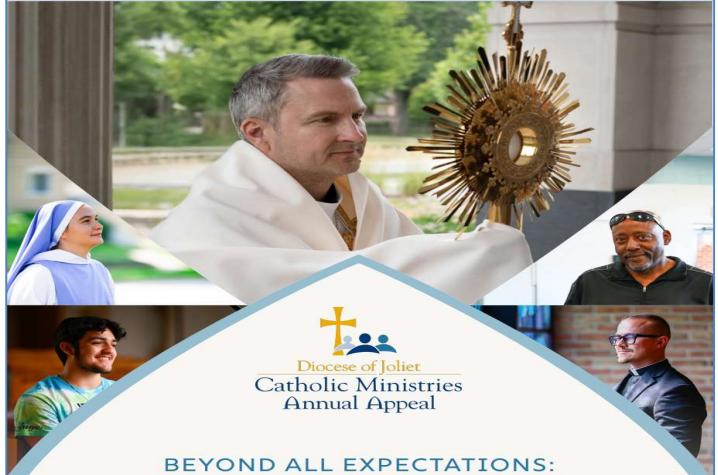
We are looking for greeters, servers, set up and clean up people.



## A Christmas Thank You from the Bridge Families

The three families that St. Irene's supports had a very wonderful Christmas thanks to our generous parishioners. All of the gift tags from the Christmas Giving Tree were returned and provided the support that was needed for food, gas and Christmas gifts for the children. Our Bridge Committee works very hard to mentor these families toward financial independence and your gifts allow the families to put their earnings toward outstanding debts or to build savings. Please know we could not accomplish our goals without your help!

Blessings,  
The St. Irene Bridge Committee



### The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

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.

**Our parish goal is \$65,000.** We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. 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!



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

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.

For more information visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection)

# Upcoming Events

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## 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!

## 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.

## January 14 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

## January 14 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

**Handbell Practice:** Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.

## January 15 | 6:00pm

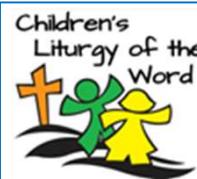
**Johnson School Connection Meal:** Volunteer to help at this very worthwhile community event. Contact Pamela Keating for information..

## January 16 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

## January 17 | 11:00am

**Free Throw Competition:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Free Throw competition at Bower Elementary School.



**Join us for  
Liturgy of the Word  
for Children  
January 18,  
10:00AM Mass**

Interested in volunteering, contact  
Pamela Keating - [pamela@st-irene.org](mailto:pamela@st-irene.org)



## Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

**January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**January 20 – Catholic Parent Night**  
**February 3 – No RE**  
**February 7 – Candidate Sponsor Retreat (10AM)**  
**February 16 – President’s Day**  
**February 17 – RE/Family Mardi Gras/Palm Burning**  
**February 18 – Ash Wednesday**  
**February 20 – RE Shadow Stations of the Cross (7PM)**  
**February 24 – The Catholic Parent (Parish Center)**

**Parish Offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19**

## January 17 | 6:00pm

**St. Irene Trivia Night:** Join us for a fun night of Trivia! Doors open at 5:30 in the ACL.

## January 18 | 1:30pm

**Lay Carmelite Meeting:** Monthly meeting held in ACL, for info contact Debbie at 708-363-1753.

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