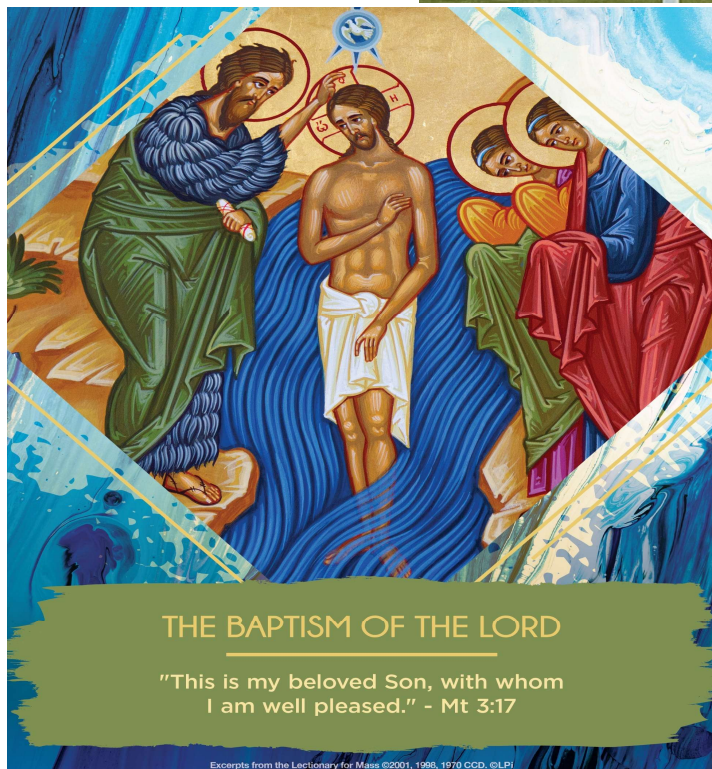


January
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2026



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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 / 1st Anniversary**Wednesday, January 14, 12:00PM**†Deacon Bob True / 1st Anniversary*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.*

† = Deceased

Thursday, January 15, 7:00AM

Holy Vocations for Priesthood, Religious Life, and Marriage

Friday, January 16, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Saturday, January 17, 4:30PM

†Michael Kometz / Marty & Susan Kometz

†Kristen Ziaja / Sophia Carstens & Family

Sunday, January 18, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, January 18, 10:00AM

†Dorrie Kometz/Marty & Susan Kometz

†Mary Monica Garceau / Garceau Family

**WEEKLY READINGS****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 40:2

and 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

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

**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 11

Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

*Tabernacle Flowers**Donated by**The Farmer Family**in Memory of*

**Bob & Craig
Farmer**

Parish Community

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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



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 website.

BAPTISMS: Call Maggie Detwiler on x122.

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

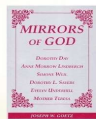
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 3:30pm.

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.

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

SOUPS AND SALAD

ST. IRENE'S LUNCHEON

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 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 if you have any questions.

Trivia Night

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

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 if interested



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!



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

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.

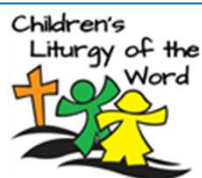
January 17 | 11:00am

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

Hospitality this Weekend!!!

Join us for hospitality after weekend Masses!

Coffee and donuts on Sunday
and
Pizza on Saturday Evening



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

Interested in volunteering, contact
Pamela Keating - 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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