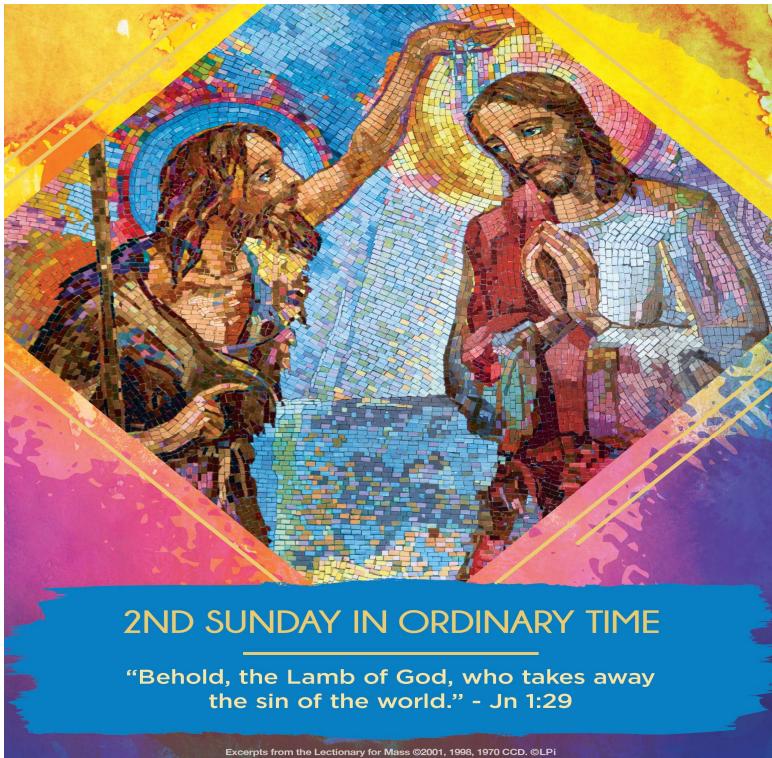


January
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Welcome!

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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MASS INTENTIONS**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**Monday, January 19, 8:00AM**

†Al Harrigan / Marty & Susan Kometz

Tuesday, January 20, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, January 21, 12:00PM

St. Irene Parish Family

*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.
† = Deceased*

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.

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**WEEKLY READINGS**
bible.usccb.org

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,
37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9;
19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,
19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,
4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Condolences to the Family of

Joan Nowak
Entered eternal life
December 26, 2025

Condolences to the Family of

Sophie Krzciuk
Mother of Teri Lindeman
Entered eternal life
January 7, 2026

Parish Community

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 or 630-520-5985
SEE YOU ALL THERE!!
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WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Sofia Nohemi Madriz
To be Baptized January 18, 2026

Sofia, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.

**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
(1/26/26, 2/9/23, 2/23/26, 3/9/26, 3/23/26)
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm
RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org



**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

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.
SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.



Be a part of this new chapter!

Masses are being held in our former church (ACL/ACU)

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



The Body of Christ was transferred to the new location for Mass on Sunday, January 11 and the Church was formally closed.

RENOVATION HAS BEGUN!

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



30th Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle



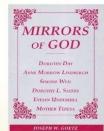
Parishioners and Friends, you are once again invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on **February 8, 2026** during the Super Bowl game. The raffle is in its 30th year selling out all 300 tickets. Respond early to make sure you can get a ticket.

Buy raffle tickets early to take advantage of three early drawings. Early Bird drawings cover the cost of a ticket and will be held on January 25 and February 1 at St. Irene following the 10:00 AM Sunday Masses. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday. Go to [Feb. 8, 2025—30th KC Super Bowl Raffle & Party—St. Irene Knights of Columbus](#) to download the ticket order form and follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. Hard copies of the ticket order form will be made available separately starting in January. You may also contact James Halama at jrhalama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.

The Raffle is a major fundraiser for the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council. It is a 50-50 cash raffle with half of the proceeds awarded to participants, and the other half retained by the local Council to be used for programs that benefit the St. Irene's Parish, school scholarships, and community outreach programs.

As in previous years, the raffle is based on purchasing squares in three separate football pools. For the Faith and Hope Pools the tickets are \$25 per square, and for the Charity pool the tickets are \$50 ticket per square. The squares and numbers for each ticket are assigned randomly. Multiple cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500 will be awarded throughout the football game on Super Bowl Sunday.

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

Happy Homes

A Key to Family Flourishing

Do you ever find yourself considering what you truly want for your children? Most of us have many hopes and dreams for them, but all in all, what we desire is their flourishing. A happy home is essential to ensuring that families and each of its members thrive!



This talk draws on research regarding the meaning of happiness, the meaning of a “home”, and essentials for happiness of children in the home environment.



When: January 22nd 7:00pm

Where: School Room 202

About the speaker:

Kristin Kocan is a founding board member of Home Unlimited, a nonprofit organization with the mission of bettering society by helping families create happy homes. She has been active in programs Home Unlimited provides, leading many events for teen girls and for women for over 13 years. Kristin is mom of 7 and grandmother of 37. She and her husband, George, have been St. Irene parishioners for over 42 years.



Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2026



One Last Column, Ever Grateful

For more than five years, I have been blessed to share my thoughts with you in this monthly column. When I first began writing, it took me a very long time to craft each reflection. I often wondered if anyone was reading them or if they would make any difference at all.

But at parish visits and events, many of you told me that you read these reflections and that they helped you understand my mind and my heart. Some of you offered positive comments and others offered constructive suggestions. All of that feedback helped me grow in gratitude. I stopped seeing these columns as a task and started seeing them as a privilege. They became one of the ways we shared our faith journey together.

Now I write my final column. It is a bittersweet moment. I am excited for my next steps to New York. At the same time, I am going to miss this ongoing exchange with you.

As we come to the conclusion of this written dialogue, I would like to reflect with you on a few thoughts [I shared at my farewell Mass on January 11, 2026.](#)

In my homily, I expressed my sincere gratitude for the faith and love you have shown me throughout my years as your bishop. Together we have shared significant moments. We have celebrated the sacraments. We have strengthened our mission to be a vibrant and evangelizing Church. Through Confirmations, ordinations, graduations, the Chrism Mass, baptisms, funerals, community service, and our care for the most vulnerable, I saw Jesus Christ revealed in you. And each time we gathered for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, you strengthened my faith and drew me closer to God. And I pray that I have done the same for you.

I am deeply grateful to our priests who faithfully serve with pastoral hearts and leadership. To our deacons, wives, and families, thank you for your steadfast ministry of charity and your service. To our religious women and men and consecrated virgins, your prayerful presence and collaborative ministry have been a constant blessing. I am grateful for every sacrifice and every quiet act of love that often goes unseen but never goes unnoticed by God.

I also want to thank our diocesan staff and all employees who work as a vocation to ensure that the Church continues its mission. Our administrators, teachers, catechists, and youth ministers form disciples in classrooms and parish halls. Our musicians, liturgical ministers, and countless volunteers give life and beauty to our worship and mission. And to every parishioner across our seven counties, please know how grateful I am for your generosity and witness to faith in your homes, parishes, and workplaces.

Through baptism, we are all called to continue living the mission of Jesus Christ. I now move forward to serve in New York, trusting that the good work we have begun together will continue to bear fruit here in the Diocese of Joliet.

Many have asked who will become the next bishop. Soon, an administrator will be appointed who will continue to guide and govern the diocese while the apostolic nuncio and the Dicastery of Bishops offer recommendations to our Holy Father, Pope Leo. In due time, he will appoint the seventh Bishop of Joliet. Please join me in prayer for that discernment process.

Even though my ministry will continue in another place, I believe that prayer keeps us close. Every time we pray for one another, we remain closely united in Christ. So let us keep lifting each other up before God. I will carry you with me in my heart and in my daily prayer, and I humbly ask you to remember me in yours.

I also encourage you to be disciples who make disciples. Please continue to embrace my pastoral letter entitled *MAKE*. Pray with it. Reflect on it. Share it. Put it into practice every day. The Church grows when every one of us answers the call to live the Gospel with conviction and joy.

You remain in my heart and in my prayers with great love and deep gratitude. May God bless you and bless us always with His Spirit of peace and all good things. *Paz y bien.*

[Scan the QR code below to listen to the bishop's homily from his January 11th Mass of Thanksgiving.]



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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of December 29 – January 4
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,991.30	\$ 1,469.00
Stewardship of Treasure	
Week of January 5 – January 11	
(Includes on-line contributions)	
Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 10,985.00	\$ 70.00

Christmas \$27,769.00

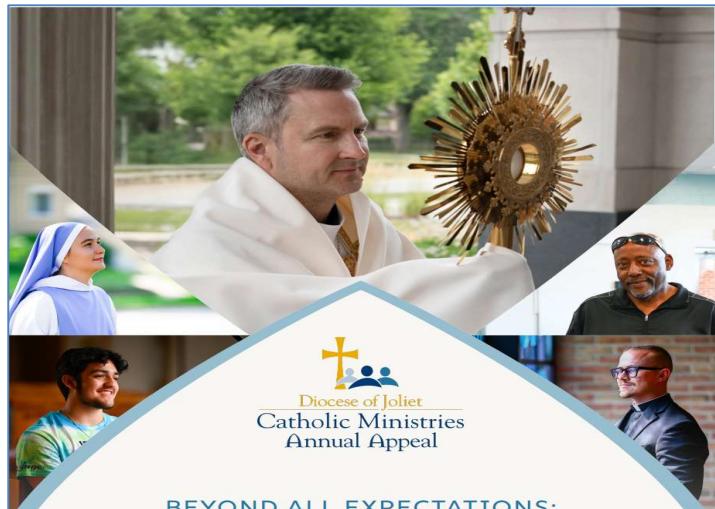


Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Many in

Latin America and the

Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection



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!

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

This program allows a qualifying senior to defer payment of real estate taxes (for a maximum of \$7,500) and any special assessments on his or her residence. The State of Illinois pays the real estate taxes. Repayment plus interest of 3% annually is made when the senior sells the property or within a year of the estate being settled. To qualify, the senior must:

- be 65 years of age by June 1st of the year for which the application is made,
- have a total household income of \$75,000 or less,
- own and occupy the property,
- have lived in Illinois at least 3 years in a property,
- have no delinquent real estate taxes,
- have up-to-date fire and casualty insurance on the property.

Applications are taken January 1 through February 27 of each application year.

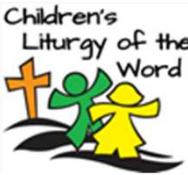
For more information, please call the Treasurer's office at 630-407-5900 or visit
www.dupagecounty.gov/electedOfficials/treasurer/senior_serve/



Upcoming Events

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



Interested in volunteering, contact
Pamela Keating - pamela@st-irene.org

January 17 | 11:00am

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

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 | 10:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Join us for Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00am Mass.

January 18 | 1:30pm

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

January 19 | 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 20 | 5:30pm

Catholic Parent Night: Mark your calendars for the *Formed Catholic Parents* series. Meeting in the Parish Center. All parents are welcome.

January 21 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

January 21 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

January 23 | Fridays 1:00pm

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



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20 – Catholic Parent Night

January 27 – 5th and 6th Grade Retreat

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 26 | 7:00pm

The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien: Join us in the school rm 202 for the continuation of this discussion.

January 28 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

January 28 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

January 29 | 6:30pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Gathering: Join the women of the Parish for the monthly gathering. All are welcome!

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