

January
25
2026



3rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mt 4:19

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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 24, 4:30PM**†James Jennings / Maureen Mitman
†Leo & Jeannette Tusateri / Jeannette Clark**Sunday, January 25, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, January 25, 10:00AM†James Payer / Marty & Susan Kometz
†Joan Nowak / Constance Krajeckr**Monday, January 26, 8:00AM**

†William Baker / Family

Tuesday, January 27, 8:00AM

†George Doyle/ Diana

Wednesday, January 28, 12:00PM†Joseph Pintz / 1st Anniversary

*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.

Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
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Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar
Mary Kay Colgan
Gary Naberhaus
Karen Udell
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Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
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David Peterson
Theo Reed
Fr. John Ouper

**WEEKLY READINGS**
bible.usccb.org

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or
Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/
Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19,
24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,
13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,
13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,
6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Jan 25

Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

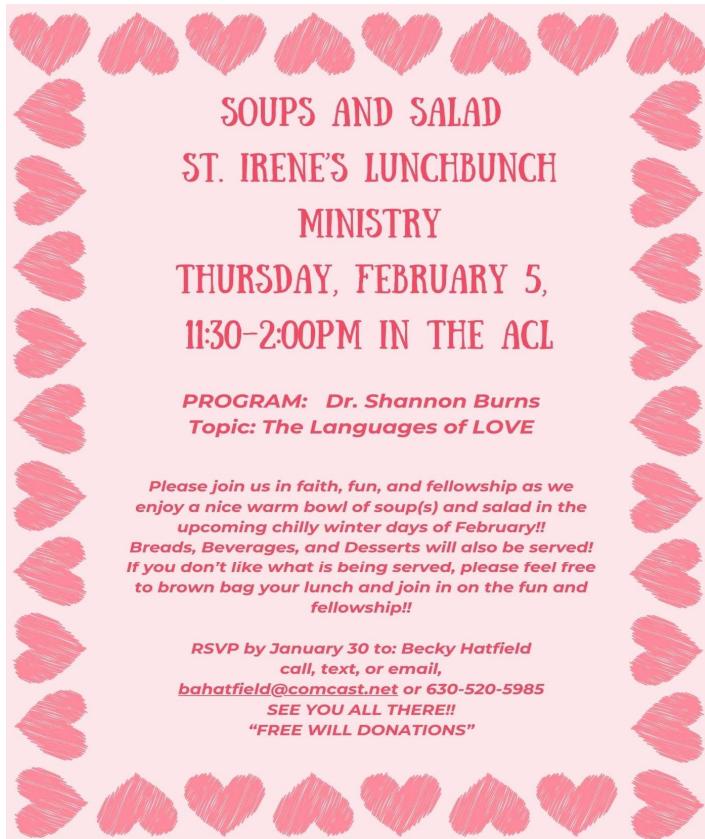
Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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.

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

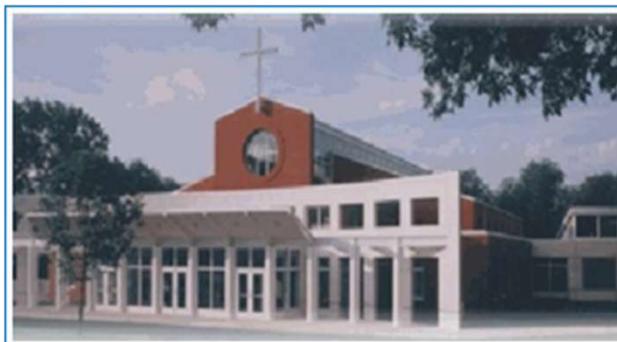


Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)
When: Every other Monday Beginning in January
 (1/26/26, 2/9/23, 2/23/26, 3/9/26, 3/23/26)
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm
RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org

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.ursu@outlook.com.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.



Be a part of this new chapter!

Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make our temporary worship space in the Activity Center both functional and inviting. Please keep in mind the following:

- **Use the side doors to enter the building**, not the front doors. Accessible entrance is on the East side of the building.
- **Masses will be simulcast to the ACL**, allowing for those with mobility concerns and young families to fully participate in our lower-level seating areas.
- **Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers will be on hand in both seating areas** to help you navigate to your seat, pass the basket during the offertory and distributing communion (bread only) during Mass.
- **Seating will be cozy!** Please help by minimizing open chairs and moving over when directed by the ushers.
- **Confession will be heard on Saturday afternoon upstairs in the new space in the sacristy** just off the altar. If you require an accessible option for confession, please reach out to pamela@st-irene.org.
- **While we will not have a children's room**, the lower level will be available for those with young children. We ask that noise be kept to a minimum if possible.

Thank you all for your grace and flexibility as we prepare a new house for the Lord!

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



A thank you note from Family #14

St. Irene,

We just wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you for your gifts of Christmas.

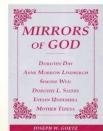
Your generosity really blew us away! It was amazing to see the big smiles of my children.

Amazing to see the love of God at work through kind-hearted people like St. Irene.

A thank you note from Family #15

Thank you for everything you do to serve others. I will always carry your kindness with me!

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



Questions:

- + What do you think of when you hear the word **ordinary**?
- + Is it okay to be **ordinary**?
- + Do you think that you need to be **extraordinary** in everything you do?

Tie it to the Gospel

- We are often told by those around us that we need to be extraordinary.
- But in today's scripture story, we hear that Jesus did the opposite of all of this.
- In today's story, we hear that Jesus goes to a very ordinary town.
- Once Jesus was there, he then asked very ordinary people to be his disciples.
- And he tells these ordinary people who are from ordinary places, "I'm going to teach you how to do what I'm doing so that you can then do it, too."
- This is one of the things Jesus means when he tells them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Our Mission:

- Today's story reminds us that other people can *tell* us about Jesus, but the best way to learn about Jesus is to follow him and see what he did.
- Jesus was not a teacher who simply said what to do – which is the opposite of what I did with you a few minutes ago.
- Instead, Jesus was a teacher who actually *did* what he said so that we could then see exactly what he meant.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

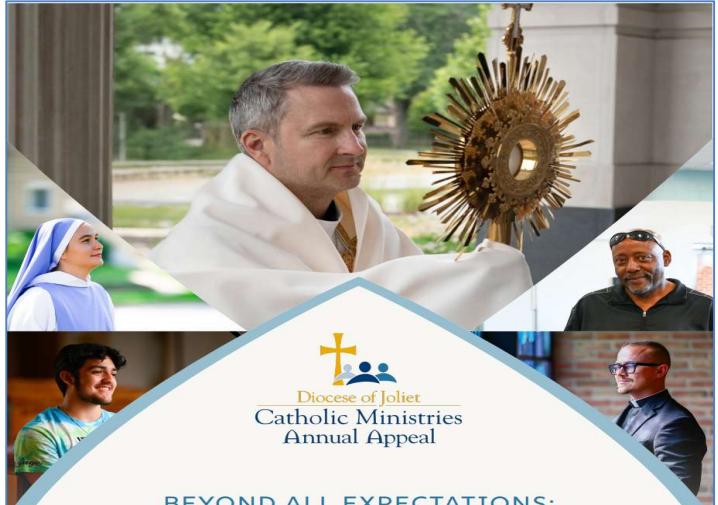
Stewardship of Treasure
Week of January 12 – January 18
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 10,337.62	\$ 325.00



This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection!

To learn more, please 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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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!

January 30 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

January 31-February 1 | All Masses

St. Blaise Blessing: Join us at Mass for throat blessing in celebration of St. Blaise.

February 2 | 6:00pm

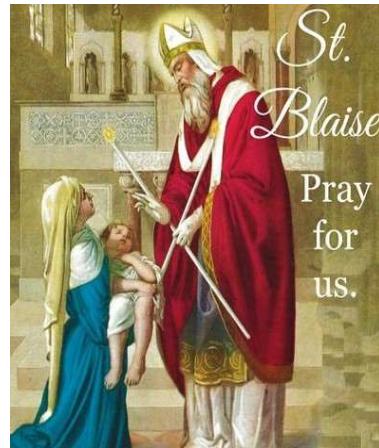
Little Flowers Girls Club: Girls 5 and up and their Moms join us to learn about our Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions meet in the Mobiles.

February 2 | 6:00pm

Chili Cookoff Planning Meeting: The planning meeting will be held in the Parish Center.

February 4 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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



In celebration of
St. Blaise,
we will have
Throat Blessing
at all weekend
Masses
January 31 -
February 1



We will be recycling palms
from February 1-15.
Please deposit your palms in
the baskets by the doors.



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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)

February 4 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

February 5 | 11:30am

Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Come and enjoy a nice soup and salad lunch with a talk about the *Languages of Love* from Dr. Shannon Burns.

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