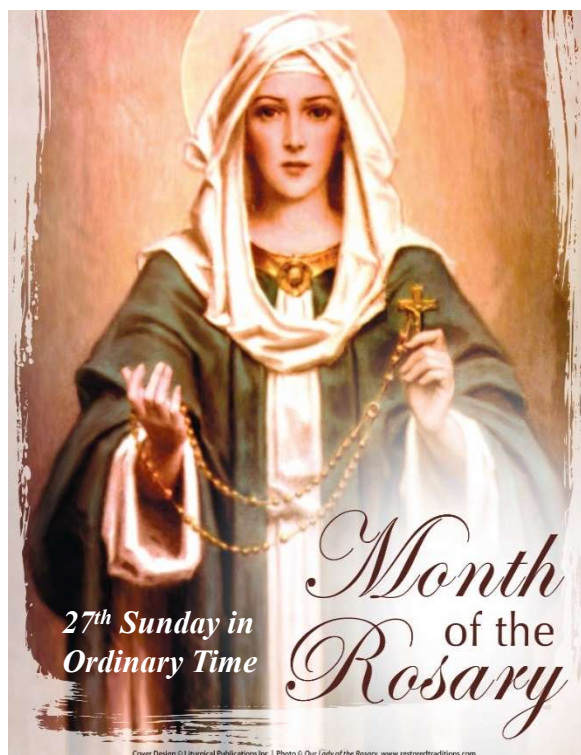


October
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2026



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Friday 8:30am-3:00pm



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Rosary at Church:

October 2

6:30pm

(First Friday)

October 10

12:00pm

(Fatima Rally)

October 16

7:00pm

(Women of Faith)

October 20

5:30pm

(RE Family)

October 29

7:00pm

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-3:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-3:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-12:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 4:30PM

†Anton Malovany / Family

†Thadeus "Ted" Palys / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, October 4, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, October 4, 10:00AM

†Bernice Siele / Karen Ernst & Family

†Oan Kovach / Claudio & Sharon Levato

Monday, October 5, 8:00AM

†Anton Malovany / 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, October 6, 8:00AM

†Anita Benson / Mary Kuliavas

Wednesday, October 7, 12:00PM

†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, October 8, 7:00AM

†Holy Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life & Marriage

Friday, October 9, 7:00AM

†Pamela Bollweg / Jeff Bollweg

Saturday, October 10, 4:30PM

†Francis Palys/Berning & Siele Families

†Alta Halama / Jim

Sunday, October 11, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, October 11, 10:00AM

The Kinsman Family/Laurie & Jeff Schmitz

†Beverly Scott / Laurie & Jeff Schmitz



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and
10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/
Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/
Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/
Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Kelsey Woods
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Hannah Kelley
Gary Naberhaus
Fr. John Ouper
Carol Helms
Arlene Grossi
Mauro Flores

Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
David Peterson
Theo Reed
Doreene Camardo
Chris Boettcher
Sylvia Rivera
Lucas Yates

Dennis Knell
Joan Moran
Rachel Jarasius
Don Clevenger Sr.
Ron Dieter
William Hawkins
Veronica Munoz
Farfan family
Sandy Decker

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

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Oct 4

Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose
Durocher, Virgin

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Christmas STORE



The Christmas Store is a special one-day event on Saturday, December 5, for families that participated in Outreach Warrenville programs in 2026. Qualifying families can affordably shop for Christmas gifts for their children - at a savings of 75% off retail price. **How can you help?**

- Make a financial donation to support the Christmas Store and Outreach's year-round work with families
- Purchase gifts from our online wish lists (*items ship directly to Outreach*)
- Donate gift cards, especially for teens - attention to Pamela Keating
- Volunteer to help serve families during the event

<https://weareoutreach.org/christmasstore>




Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Irene

We invite families with children 3-5 years old to consider enrolling their children in this Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's personal relationship with God. The children will gather in a specially prepared space called an Atrium. A typical session includes prayer, a presentation on scripture or liturgy, and time for the children to work with the prepared materials and quietly ponder the mysteries presented.

Sessions will be held in the Parish Center on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:15am starting in mid-October. Cost is \$300 per family for the first child enrolled, plus an additional \$100 for a second child. Tuition discounts available on an as-needed basis. Enrollment is limited. Please contact Christine Kania at christine.kania@gmail.com for more information.



OCTOBER 10th > FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY PRAYER RALLY

2026 marks the 10th year St. Irene and St. Thomas are coming together to pray in the *Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally*, **Saturday, October 10 at 12:00pm**. As we pray, we will join 23,000+ other Prayer Chains created across the country honoring the 109th Anniversary of Our Lady's Appearances.

Choose which one of the 12 Prayer Stations you would like to pray at, set up along a route that connects both Parishes. Station #7 will host the *Rosario en español* for anyone interested. Join us in responding to the pleas of Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for World Peace, Reparation for sins, and Conversion of souls. For details and to receive the Prayer Packet, call Jeannette Clark at 630-292-9349 or email fatimarosaryrally@gmail.com

St Francis: A Life of Joyful Contradiction



October 12: The Man Who Wasn't There (2)
October 19: The Man Who Wasn't There (3)
October 24 Visit Portiuncula - 10:00AM

Where: St. Irene ACL
When: 7:00pm - 8:15pm

If you have questions: Contact Maggie Detwiler at maggie@st-irene.org

HEALING TOGETHER

Grief is a journey, and you don't have to walk it alone.

JOIN ST. IRENE'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays at 6:00pm in the Mobiles



For more information contact Pamela Keating pamela@st-irene.org

Warrenville Community

October 24, 2026

TRUNK OR TREAT

A donation of a non-perishable food item for the Neighborhood Food Pantry is welcomed!

- Community Baptist Church - 28W444 Main Street: noon - 2:00pm
- St. Irene Catholic Church - 28W441 Warrenville Rd: noon - 2:00pm
- Trinity Lutheran Church - 3S460 Curtis Avenue: noon - 2:00pm
- Warrenville Bible Chapel - 4S157 Curtis Avenue: noon - 2:00pm

Decorated Trunks!

Non-food and allergyfriendly treats available!

Games

Snacks!



ST. IRENE WOMEN OF FAITH

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Funds earned will support:

Little Friends in Warrenville

Men, women and children (12 and up) come join in the FUN!
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level)
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NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

#TICKETS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$20 per ticket in advance)

Make checks payable to: St. Irene Women of Faith

Send order form with payment to: St. Irene Parish

ATTN: BUNCO, 28W441 Warrenville Rd. Warrenville, IL 60555

or drop in collection basket

Questions: contact Cathy Kott cakott1210@att.net 630-393-9543



Youth Ensemble

for singers and instrumentalists
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Rehearsing Sundays, October 11 and 18,
following 8 AM Mass

Sing at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, October 25

contact ellen@st-irene.org

A Note from Wayne Messmer Presenter of "Damien: The Leper Priest of Molokai"

I woke up this morning filled with gratitude for having had the opportunity to touch some hearts with the story of Fr. (Saint) Damien last night. I truly appreciate your efforts to make this happen and I also thank my fellow brother Knights and Fr. Greg for a wonderful evening of fellowship. Please extend our sincere gratitude to all involved. Kathleen and I are most thankful.

Peace,
W

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Parish Offices will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday on October 12.

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 your parents ever asked you to clean your room and you did not do it?
- + How do you think they feel when you do not do it?
- + Do you think that they will not love you anymore because you have made this bad choice not to clean your room?

Tie it to the Gospel:

- In the scripture story that we read today, Jesus tells a parable story where a number of people live and work in a vineyard that is not theirs.
- Now, you might think they would be very thankful to live and work there.
- Instead, they acted without gratitude and very stubbornly toward the owner of the place. They kept saying no to the very reasonable requests that the owner asked of them.
- Now, you might expect the owner of the vineyard to be very upset with these people and just stop trying. But instead, the owner kept giving second chances to the people who kept making these bad choices.
- One of the reasons why Jesus tells this story, I think, is to remind us that God, like the owner of the vineyard, gives us second chances, even to those of us who keep making bad choices, repeatedly!
- If God just gave up on us, then that would be bad for us.

Our Mission:

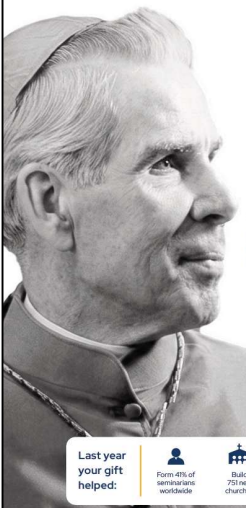
- In other words, even if we keep making bad choices, God does not give up on us.
- God even sent his own Son, Jesus, to help us, just like owner of the vineyard sent his son.
- And just like the owner's son died, Jesus died for us.
- But no matter how much damage our mistakes cause or how often we make them, God doesn't give up on us if we truly are sorry and want his forgiveness.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of September 21 – September 27
 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 8,661.00	\$ 140.00





**ONE IN CHRIST,
United in Mission**

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026**

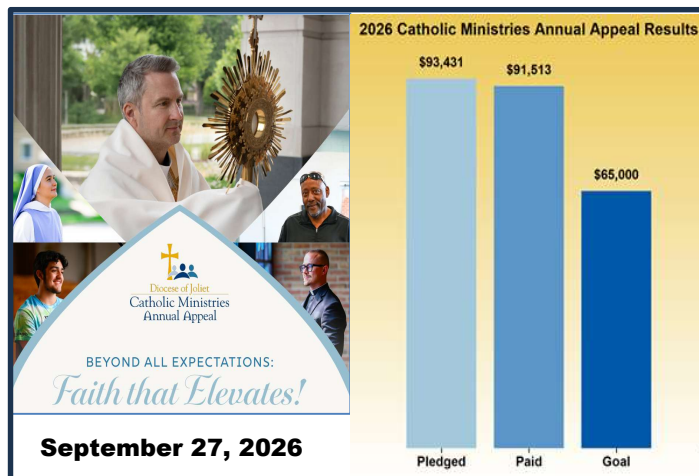
"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"
 —Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
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**ST. IRENE
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ADORATION**

Summer is here and the pace of life slows down, please consider spending some quiet time with Jesus. Every Thursday after 7:00am Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered in the chapel until 12:00pm. Whether it be 5 minutes or as long as you would like, Jesus welcomes you. Grow closer to Our Lord in prayer, thanksgiving, and worship.



**Knights of Columbus
Bread Tag, Key and
Soda Tab Drive**

The Knights of Columbus are partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the "Danielle Cares for Chairs" charity. Tags can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church on the two weekends of **October 24-25 and October 31-November 1 only**. We will also be collecting unused keys of all types for recycling. Tags and keys can be put in the same collection bin. Finally, we will be collecting pull tabs or pop tops from soda cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House. If you need further information, contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com.



**share
YOUR
SOLES**



Knights of Columbus "Share Your Soles" Fall Shoe Drive

The Knights of Columbus are asking you to donate gently worn shoes to the *Share Your Soles*® charity on the weekends (only) of **October 3-4 and 10-11**. We will be accepting shoes of any type and size (please no holes or worn off bottoms). Collection bins will be located in the Church Vestibule. Please direct any questions to Joseph D. Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com.



**Help Our
Neighborhood Pantry**

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.

Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road, on Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer for 2 hours on a regular basis, please contact Bill France at france74usma@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

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October 4 | 12:00pm

Blessing of the Animals: Join us at the St. Francis Statue for a blessing for your furry ones.

October 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.

October 5 | 6:00pm

Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting: Join us in the Parish Center for a planning meeting.

October 5 | Mondays 7:00pm

Music Reading Class: Beginner level lessons for adults and youth ages 12+ in the school. Contact Ellen Coman.

October 5 | 7:00pm

Small Christian Community: Join us to discuss "An Introduction to Prayer" in the School.

October 7 | 6:00pm

Legion of Mary: Join us in the Parish Center for rosary, faith sharing and works of mercy.

October 7 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

October 7 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

October 8 | 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights monthly meeting in the ACL.



Join us for Blessing of the Pets in Celebration of St. Francis

**October 4, 12:00pm
in front of the
St. Francis Statue**



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

October 17 – 7th Grade Retreat

October 20 – RE Family Rosary in Church

October 24 – Trunk or Treat

October 8 | Thursdays 6:00pm

Grief Support Group: Grief is a journey, and you don't have to walk it alone. Join us in the Mobiles.

October 9 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

October 10 | 12:00pm

Fatima Rosary Rally: Join us to pray the rosary at one of the many stations. Contact Jeannette Clark for information.

October 10-11 | After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:

Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **October**? Contact the Parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality too!

October 11 | 10:00am

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

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