

October
5
2025



Rosary at Church:
October 3
6:30pm
October 11
12:00pm
(Fatima Rally)
October 16
7:00pm
October 21
5:30pm
(RE Family)
October 30
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-4:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Starts September 2



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4, 4:30PM

†Thadeus "Ted" Palys/Berning & Siele Families
†Oan Kovach / Claudio & Sharon Levato

Sunday, October 5, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, October 5, 10:00AM

Mary Hafertepe healing / Carl Seaberg

Monday, October 6, 8:00AM

†Frank Rovella / Naccarato Family

Tuesday, October 7, 8:00AM

†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies

Wednesday, October 8, 12:00PM

†Jack Steinhoff / Marge Steinhoff

Thursday, October 9, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, October 10, 7:00AM

†Alta Halama / Jim

Saturday, October 11, 4:30PM

†Francis Palys / Berning & Siele Families
†Giuseppe Siele Sr./Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, October 12, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, October 12, 10:00AM

†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
†Imelda Nigles / Cathy Kott

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Alan Jarasius
Tyler O'Malley
George LaRocco
Chuck Dutton
Katie Stanutz
Tom McNelis
Kelsey Woods
Dennis Knell
Joan Moran
Rachel Jarasius
Hannah Kelley

Bill Hughes
Olsen Martin
Jim Stoudt
Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar

Jim Lytle
Baby Parker
Carlos Contreras
Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
Donna Bernstein
Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
Leonardo Przybylek

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



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/
Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/
Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/
Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b
/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/
Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2
Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Oct 5

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

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, **MAKE**, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



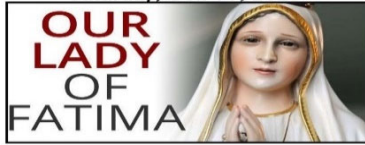
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MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People of the **Diocese of Joliet**

9TH ANNUAL OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY RALLY
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025



Rosary Begins @ 12 Noon (Be at your Prayer Station by 11:45am)

WHAT TO BRING:

Rosary, Prayer Packet, (lawn chair if needed)
(Prayer Packet will be sent to you via email prior to the Prayer Rally date)

CONTACT/SIGN-UP INFO:

RALLY TEAM COORDINATORS:

Jeannette Clark Annette Kubalanza Lourdes Chew

Sign-up via Email at: FatimaRosaryRally@gmail.com

Include your Name/ Phone# / Station# Choice/ # of People in group

No Email? Then call Jeannette to sign-up: 630-292-9349

NAPERVILLE:

[Prayer Station #, // Station Location]

- 1) St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church (along Brookdale Rd by electronic sign)
- 2) St. Patrick's (Residents only)
- 3) NWC-Raymond Dr at Brookdale Rd
- 4) NWC-Raymond Dr at Redfield Rd
- 5) NWC-Raymond Dr at McDowell Rd

WARRENVILLE:

[Prayer Station #, // Station Location]

- 6) NEC-Ferry Rd at Raymond Drive
- 7) NWC-Ferry Rd at Curtis (en español)
- 8) NWC-Curtis at Townline Road
- 9) NWC-Curtis at Warrenville Rd
- 10) St. Irene Catholic Church (next to Activity Center along Warrenville Rd)
- 11) Monarch Landing (Residents only)



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Thomas Jeffery Colburn Jr.

To be Baptized October 4, 2025

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

A Note of Thanks



The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those that participated in the **Fall 2025 Bread Tag/Key/Pop-top Tab Collection Drive**. As a result of your efforts, several hundred bread tags were again collected to help obtain wheelchairs and mobility assistance equipment for those in need. In addition, an assortment of old keys were donated to assist SCARCE in their recycling and education efforts. The drive also collected a box full of pop-top tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please continue to save these items for another drive tentatively to be scheduled for April, 2026. Again, thank you and God bless!



English/Spanish Bible Reading Group Provided by the Warrenville Pantry Group

¿Quieres aprender más inglés? ¡Te invitamos a un grupo de lectura en inglés y español! Leeremos partes de la Biblia en ambos idiomas para ayudarte a mejorar tu inglés mientras aprendes más de Dios. Comenzamos **los miércoles a las 12:00 del mediodía**. Una vez por semana, hasta el 29 de octubre. Cada reunión dura 45 minutos. Habrá bocadillos, aprenderemos nuevas palabras, practicaremos la pronunciación ¡y nos divertiremos mucho! ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

En esta dirección: 29W260-B Batavia Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555
(Es la casa detrás de la iglesia).



Bishop Hicks' Column October 2025



MAKE

When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE! and launched it* just this month. It builds on [Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter GO!](#), which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel ([Matthew 28](#)): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will

eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.

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Funds earned will support:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level)

28W441 Warrenville Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

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

Admission Paid prior to event \$20.00

Admission at the Door \$25.00 (if seats are available, 100 max capacity)

Price includes food, dessert, soft drinks, water, coffee & our famous punch
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ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH



35th ANNUAL

February 21, 2026!!!

Save the date, cancel all vacations, weddings and family gatherings for that day so you can attend a long standing tradition here at St. Irene. This event is a major social gathering for our Parish and all are welcome. We will need contestants, volunteers, and donations/sponsorships to make this event the success it has been for the past 34 years. If you have any questions regarding donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or being a contestant, please contact Jeff Schmitz at lschmitz1@comcast.net.

Remembering Our Loved Ones



St. Irene Parish cordially invites you and your family to celebrate our Faithful departed from the last two years at

Weekend Masses, November 1-2, 2025

To commemorate our faithful departed, bring a framed photo of your loved one to be displayed. Place your photo in the bin by the reception desk in the Narthex.

For information please call 630-393-2400.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Loretta May Birtcher	Pat Kemp
Edwin Drafke	Sam Vitale
Gloria Wilger	David R. Fraser
Deacon Bob True	Jane Egert
Joseph Pintz	Michael Shevchuk
Katherine Grych	Randy Price
Barbara Joan Ritzenthaler	Rose Daniels
Jean DeLuco	Helene Wells
Maryann True	Janet Mulacek
Timothy Carstens	Donna Jean Skrede
Raul Rosalez	Janet Flynn
Carol Schacht	Anthony Parrino
John Huttenhoff	Alice Therese Piszczek

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.





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



Questions:

- + **Do cell phones ever run out of battery?**
- + **What do we do when they run out?**
- + **Does a cell phone need a lot of battery power to work?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- You may be wondering why we are asking questions about a cell phone battery when the Gospel is talking about mustard seeds and servants.
- We brought this up because cell phones need very little battery power to work.
- Jesus' disciples are asking him for more faith (more battery power) but they only need a little to do the work that God is calling them to do.
- We just need a little faith to keep us going!

Our Mission:

- So even though Jesus is telling the disciples that they don't need GREATER or STRONGER or INCREASED faith, what he does teach them over and over again is that their faith needs to be recharged.
- In fact, most of what Jesus teaches his disciples is about how to recharge their mustard-sized faith by paying attention to God.
- And, guess what!? We can recharge our faith in the same ways Jesus taught his disciples to recharge their faith - we can pray, go to Church, and receive Jesus in the Eucharist!!!!



Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville. Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road (next door to Immanuel Presbyterian Church), on **Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm**. Thank you!



Since 1996, the **Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)** has secured the future of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through generous donors, more than 50,000 students at 40+ schools across five counties have received a faith-filled education. This year, we aim to raise \$1 million to keep Catholic education vibrant for generations to come. Join us! Visit CEFJoliet.org to learn more or use this QR Code to give today.



The Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle



The proceeds from this raffle will support two important causes: the Illinois Vocations Program and needy families in our community. Specifically, for each book sold, the council retains \$10 for their vocations work and sends \$10 to the State Financial Office. Additionally, the Women of Faith and the Knights will use their portion of the proceeds to purchase winter coats, hats, and gloves for children in need within our community. As a bonus, every ticket purchased also enters you into a cash award drawing. **Raffle books will be available for purchase during hospitality, or you can contact Jeff or Laurie Schmitz.**



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Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **November 14-16** in Geneva, IL.

For more information go to wwme.org or call 888-574-5653.

Early registration is highly recommended.



The Christmas Store is a special one-day event on Saturday, December 6, 2025, for families that participated in Outreach Warrenville programs in 2025. Qualifying families can affordably shop for Christmas gifts for their children - at a savings of 75% off retail price. **How can you help?**

- **Scan the QR code or go to the link below** to access the online wish lists and you can have the gift delivered directly to Outreach Warrenville, 28W542 Batavia Rd., Warrenville, IL 60185
- **Buy from the Gift Suggestion List** posted in the Narthex by the Christmas Manger and drop off in the manger.

Gifts should be \$20-\$60, non-violent (no NERF guns), and **avoid books or board games** as they tend not to sell.

Questions: Maggie Detwiler 630-393-2400 x122

<https://weareoutreach.org/events/christmas-store-warrenville/>



World Mission Month: A Call to Hope

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the **1,124** mission territories where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

Upcoming Events

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October 5 | 10:00am Mass

Blessing of the Statue of St. Therese: Fr. Greg will bless a statue of St. Therese donated by the St. Irene Little Flowers Girls Club. The statue will be placed in the Chapel.

October 5 | 11:00am Mass

Mother-Daughter Tea: After Mass, the Little Flowers will host a Mother-Daughter Tea in the ACL; all ladies are welcome.

October 5 | 12:00am

Pet Blessing: Bring your pets/animals for a Blessing in Celebration of St. Francis. Join us in front of the St. Francis Statue.

October 6 | 6:00pm

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

October 6 | 7:00pm

Bridge Communities Meeting: The Bridge Communities Group will meet in the Parish Center – Holy Family Meeting Room to discuss activities.

October 8 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

October 10 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

October 11-12 | 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!



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

October 14th – The Catholic Parent 5:30pm in the Parish Center-Holy Family Room

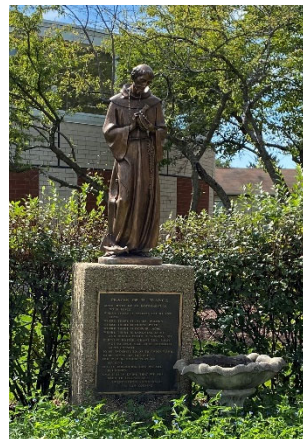
October 21 – RE Family Living Rosary during class

October 25 – Trunk or Treat!



Mother-Daughter and Friends Tea

October 1 is the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. On **Sunday, October 5th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**, Fr. Greg will bless a statue of St. Therese donated by the St. Irene Little Flowers Girls Club. After Mass, the Little Flowers will host a Mother-Daughter Tea in the ACL. All ladies are welcome. For Information: Cathy Berning at 630-939-6111 or Roxanne Morello at 630-341-6682.



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

October 5, 12:00pm
in front of the
St. Francis Statue

Parish Offices will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday, October 13.

October 11 | 12:00pm

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally: Join us to pray the rosary contact Jeannette Clark for info.

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