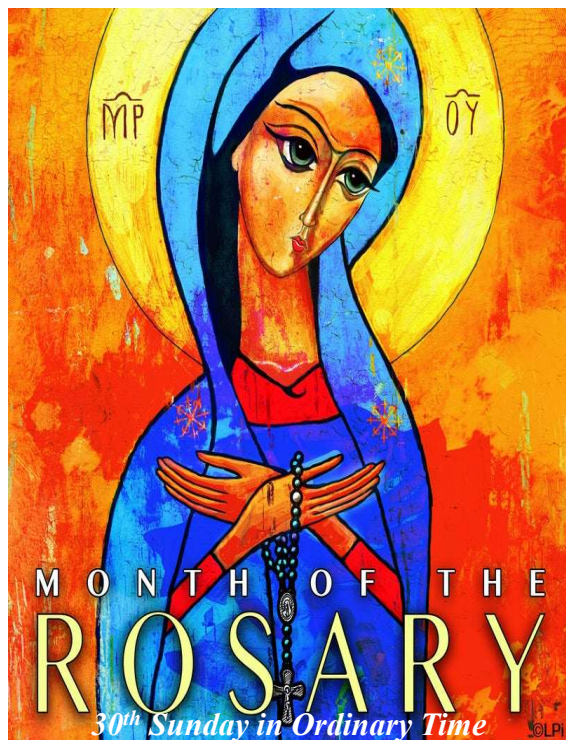


October
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*Rosary at
Church:
October 30
7:00pm*



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parishoffice@st-irene.org



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



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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, October 25, 4:30PM

†Karen Schrimpl / 2nd Anniversary
†Maria Alagna/Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, October 26, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, October 26, 10:00AM

†Oan Kovach / Claudia & Sharon Levato
†Jean DeLuco / Sharon Kobe

Monday, October 27, 8:00AM

Dianne Wilson / Jerry & Theresa Frederick

Tuesday, October 28, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, October 29, 12:00PM

†Loretta May Birtcher / 1st Anniversary

Thursday, October 30, 7:00AM

†Fr. Michael Doyle / Laurie Schmitz

Friday, October 31, 7:00AM

†Francis E. Brauer / Burgermeisters

Saturday, November 1, 4:30PM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 2, 8:00AM

†All Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 2, 10:00AM

†All Faithful Departed

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/

Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab,
20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/

Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/

Ps 109:21-22, 26-27,
30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/

Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Alan Jarasius
Tyler O'Malley
Gregory 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.*

Condolences to the Family of

Alice Piszczek

Entered eternal life

August 30, 2025

Visitation November 1, 9:30am at St. Irene
followed by Funeral at 10:30am at St. Irene





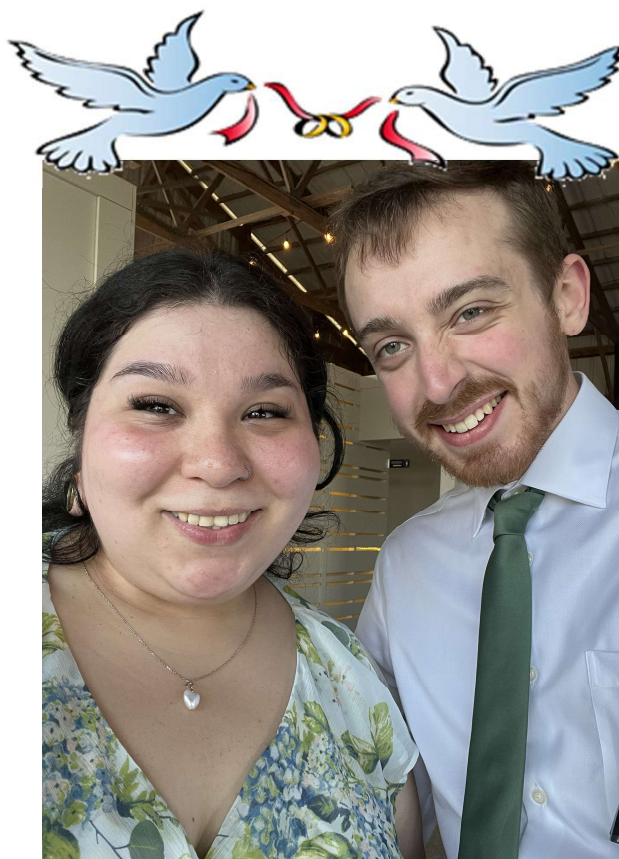
The Christmas Store is a special one-day event on Saturday, December 6, 2025, for families that participated in Outreach Warrenville programs in 2025. Qualifying families can affordably shop for Christmas gifts for their children - at a savings of 75% off retail price. **How can you help?**

- **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/>



Angie Montoya and Patrick Kemp

**To Be Married on
October 24, 2025**



Knights of Columbus “Feed My Starving Children” Volunteer Food-Packing Event, Saturday, November 1 9:00am – 10:45am

Come join other parishioners and St. Irene’s Knights of Columbus at *Feed My Starving Children*, 555 Exchange Ct., Aurora. We will be packing food for needy children overseas. No experience is necessary.

To volunteer, register at <http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=4YK8N4> or contact Tom Nemo by email tejn74@yahoo.com or by calling 630-961-0930. If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to this worthwhile organization at

<https://www.fmsc.org/>

Thank you and hope to see you there!



Youth Ensemble

for singers and instrumentalists
in grades 5 - 12

Rehearsing Sundays, November 9 & 16, following
8 AM Mass

Sing at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, November 23

contact ellen@st-irene.org

Ring out your thanks!

Join our handbell choir!

Rehearsals, Mondays 6:15 - 7:15
November 10, 17, 24

Play at the 9 AM Mass on Thanksgiving
and the 10 AM Mass Nov. 30

contact ellen@st-irene.org



*beginners
welcome!*

FALL HARVEST
St. Irene Lunch Bunch Ministry
Thursday, November 6th
11:30am - 2:00pm
Activity Center Lower Level
 Pork loin, brats, sauerkraut, salads, desserts and beverages
 Join us for fellowship, fun, food and
 "Name That Tune" brought to you from Dave Burton
 of David's Bazaar

Please **RSVP no later than November 2** to
 Carrie Beale at 630-997-3276 or
 starfire56@comcast.net

You could brown bag your lunch if you do not like the menu!!

SACRED BEAUTY
 A Three-Day Retreat

Nov 3 Why Beauty Matters: The Theology of Beauty
 7:00 - 8:30pm

Nov 4 Visio Divina: How to Pray with Sacred Art
 5:30 - 7:00pm

Nov 5 Co-creating with God: A Drawing Workshop
 7:00 - 8:30pm


 Sarah Crow is a practicing sacred artist. She received her MFA in painting from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2016. She is artist-in-residence at St. Gregory's Hall and a lecturer at Saint Xavier University. Sarah Crow entered the Holy Roman Catholic Church in 2017. She has made private perpetual vows of consecration to the Lord.

Sarah Crow
www.deigratiasacredart.com



St. Irene Parish cordially invites you and your family to celebrate our Faithful departed from the last year 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
Karen Schrimpl	

Let's *MAKE* Disciples for Jesus!

See the flock notes for the next excerpt of Bishop Hicks' **MAKE** pastoral letter.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our website.

BAPTISMS: Call Maggie Detwiler on x122.

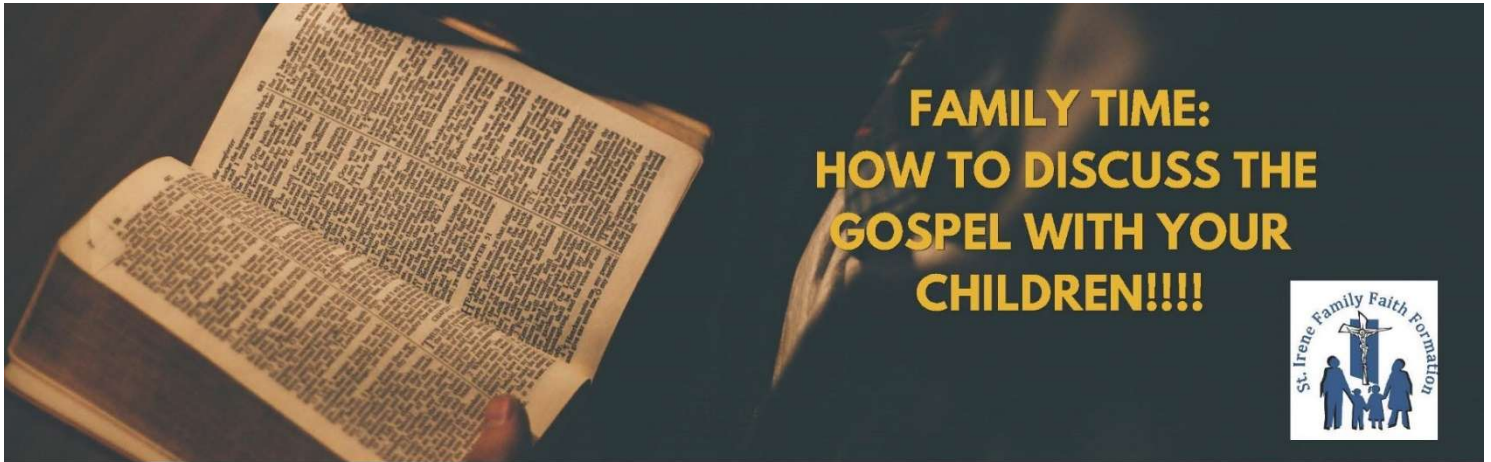
MARRIAGES: Call Pamela Keating on x120 to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

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:

- + Which individual in the Gospel was praying the way Jesus teaches us to pray?
- + What is wrong with the first person's way of praying?

Tie it to the Gospel

- Jesus tells a story about two men who don't know how to live God's better way of life.
- In the story, one man tells God how great of a person he is.
- And because that man thinks he knows how to live God's way, he keeps telling God while he is praying that he's super-great at life and is so much better at life than everyone else.
- The other man in the story, though, tells God, "I need help. I don't know what I'm doing with my life – help me to live it your better way".
- So...of the two men, who do you think will be able to learn from God how to live God's better way?

Our Mission:

- When we stop thinking that we know it all and instead ask God and others for help, then we will be able to learn and improve.
- And, the things we then learn and receive will also be the things that we can also share with the people around us.
- We need to find the time to listen to God!!!

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of October 6-October 12 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 8,316.30	\$ 805.00



K of C "Share Your Soles" 2025 Fall Shoe Drive October 25-26 and November 1-2 Weekends



The Knights of Columbus are asking you to donate gently worn shoes to *Share Your Soles*® during the Knight's annual fall shoe drive. We will be accepting shoes of any type and size. Collection bins will be located at the basement entryway of the church activity center nearest the church. The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late Robert Geary, founder of the Knight's annual shoe drive. Please direct any questions to Joseph D. Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

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*God's
Goodness*



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Results
October 12, 2025



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.



Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit dijoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. *We're here to help!*



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. **Raffle books will be available for purchase during hospitality, or you can contact Jeff or Laurie Schmitz.**



2nd Collection November 8-9

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A second collection for the education and formation of our future priests



The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation

Read the first article about Vocations by Fr. Steven Borello, Vocations Director in the flock notes or the digital bulletin.

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How to Support Your Priests

Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

When a man enters seminary to discern the priesthood, he begins a journey of conversion and formation that touches every part of his life. The Church, through the Program for Priestly Formation (PPF), outlines four key dimensions—sometimes called “pillars”—that shape this journey.

The first is human formation, the foundation of it all. A priest must be a man of integrity, balanced and virtuous, capable of relating well to others. Next comes spiritual formation, which roots him in friendship

with Christ through daily prayer, the Eucharist, and a life centered on holiness. Intellectual formation, the rigorous studies in philosophy and theology, prepare the man to explain the faith clearly and faithfully. Finally, pastoral formation prepares them to be shepherds—through hospital visits, parish ministry, encounters with the poor, and hands-on experiences of serving God's people.

These dimensions aren't separate boxes to be checked. They are woven together so that the seminarian is gradually shaped into a man configured to Christ

the Good Shepherd. Formation is not just training but transformation—a work of grace, in cooperation with human effort. In the end, priestly formation aims at this: a man so conformed to Christ that he can lay down his life for the flock.



This is Part 1 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University

of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary

and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began

serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



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Upcoming Events

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Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

October 25 – Trunk or Treat!

November 8 – 1st Reconciliation Retreat 10:00am ACL

November 18 – Catholic Parent Night – Parish Center

November 25 – No RE

November 27 – Thanksgiving

December 2 – RE Family Mass for Advent

October 25 | 12:00pm

Trunk or Treat!: Join us for a fun time of games, treats and decorated trunks!

October 29 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

October 30 | 6:30pm

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

October 30 | 7:00pm

Rosary: Join us for the *Seven Sorrows Rosary* to Our Lady.

October 31 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

November 1 | 9:00am

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event: Join the Knights of Columbus for a packing event at the Aurora location. Contact Tom Nemo for info.

November 1-2 | Weekend Masses

All Souls Day: Celebrate our Faithful Departed at all weekend Masses. Bring a framed photo.

November 3-5 | various times

Parish Mission - Sacred Beauty: Join us for a retreat in Church Monday 7-8:30pm and Tuesday 5:30-7pm; Wednesday 7-8:30pm in the ACL.

November 3 | 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.

November 3 | 6:00pm

Chili Cook-Off Planning Meeting: Join us for the planning of a great event in the Parish Center.

November 5 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

November 6 | 11:30am

Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for a Fall Harvest lunch! RSVP to Carrie Beale.

November 6 | 6:00pm

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Center to discuss church activities. In case of changes, call the parish office to confirm.

November 7 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

November 7 | 7:00pm

First Friday Holy Hour: Join us for exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction.



February 21, 2026!!!

If you have any questions, please contact
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