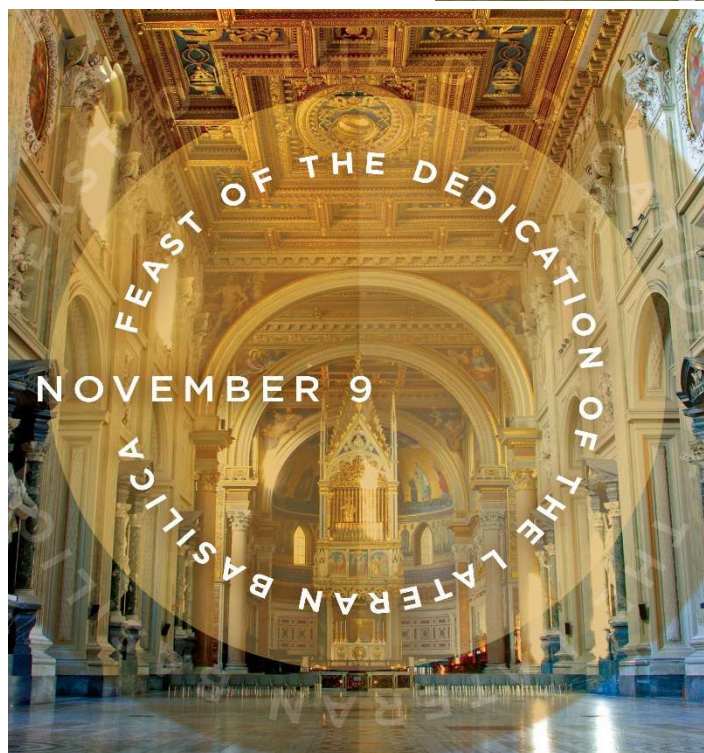


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Welcome!

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, November 8, 4:30PM**†Anita Masters / Carl & Alexandra
†Catherine Siele/Berning & Siele Families**Sunday, November 9, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 9, 10:00AM†John Jackowiak / Pat
†Jean DeLuco / Sharon Kobe**Monday, November 10, 8:00AM**

†William Baker / Family

Tuesday, November 11, 8:00AM

†Sam Vitale / Alexandra & Carl

Wednesday, November 12, 12:00PM

†Denise O'Connor / Young Family

Thursday, November 13, 7:00AM

†Dianne Kroll

Friday, November 14, 7:00AM

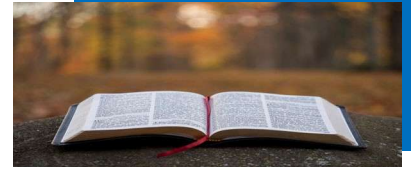
Morning Mass Group

Saturday, November 15, 4:30PM†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
†Sam Vitale / Carl & Alexandra Staub**Sunday, November 16, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 16, 10:00AM†James Cedric Berning/Berning & Siele Families
†Katherine Livermore / Marge Steinhoff*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.*

† = Deceased

**WEEKLY READINGS****bible.usccb.org****Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8,
9-10/Lk 17:1-6**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/

Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1,

2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...**Tyler O'Malley
Gregory LaRocco
Chuck Dutton
Katie Stanutz
Tom McNelis
Kelsey Woods
Dennis Knell
Joan Moran
Rachel Jarasius
Hannah Kelley
Don Clevenger Sr.Olsen Martin
Jim Stoudt
Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar
Mary Colgan
Gary NaberhausBaby Parker
Carlos Contreras
Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
Donna Bernstein
Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
Leonardo Przybylek
David Peterson

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

Condolences to the Family of**Nancy Marie Maiorano**Entered eternal life
October 30, 2025

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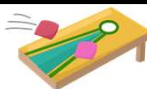
Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served

November 11



Knights of Columbus Cornhole Fun for Girls and Boys!



The St. Irene gym will be open **Saturday, November 22 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm** for all girls and boys ages 8 to 14 for playing cornhole. Several cornhole courts will be set up for open play. Parents/grandparents/guardians will need to complete an entry form, which will be available on site. If interest is sufficient, Saturday afternoons in the months ahead will be available as well with the possibility of an ending tournament. If you have any questions, contact Tom Nemo at 630 961 0930 or tejn74@yahoo.com.
This is a no-cost event.



Johnson Family Connection Meal

November 20, 6:00pm

St. Irene will be providing a Thanksgiving Dinner! Turkey with the fixings! If you are interested in this ministry and would like to help, sign-up at link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AEA623A4F49-59814781-november>

We are looking for help in the kitchen at 5:00pm and will need greeters, servers, set up and clean up people, and bakers.

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



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.



SPECIAL MUSIC!

A gospel musical setting of the Mass ordinary will be sung at the following weekend Masses in November in celebration of **Black Catholic History** month.

Sunday, November 9, 8AM
 Sunday, November 16, 10 AM
 Saturday, November 22, 4:30 PM



Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

We've heard from some Warrenville folks already, asking how they can help the pantry at a moment when a lot of increased traffic is expected there. Items that are always needed, **which people can drop off at the food pantry on Mondays and Thursdays between 2:30 and 5:00 pm:**

Canned corn
Canned fruit (any variety)
Rice: 1 lb or 2 lb bags
Canned tuna or canned chicken
Kraft macaroni & cheese

To receive food, come for "in person" shopping at the pantry on **Sundays 1:00-3:00pm and Tuesdays 11:00am-1:00pm**. For those who cannot come in person or prefer not to, we also offer an order ahead program where they can pre-order online (go to orderahead.org and click on the IPC site) and then drive thru and pick up the order on Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

***Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.
 Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road (next door to Immanuel Presbyterian Church).***



Spread the joy of the season

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 12

5:45 p.m. - 6 p.m. Assemble in St. Irene ACL
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Carol through Warrenville neighborhoods and collect food for Neighborhood Food Pantry
 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cookies and hot cocoa



Bring your family and friends to join our St. Irene community filling the air with the joyous news of Christ's birth.

REGISTER BY DEC 1 USING FORM ON NARTHEX INFO DESK



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 diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. *We're here to help!*



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:

- + **What does the Church mean to you?**
- + **Is the Church only a building or something more?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- In this passage we hear about Jesus' reaction to seeing that the temple is being used in a way that is not as God intended.
- Jesus is showing the people and his disciples that the temple is more than just a building but that it represents him.
- He shows this when he tells them that they should tear down the temple and he could rebuild it in three days.
- This seemed impossible to the people because they are thinking of the temple as the actual building, not Jesus' death and resurrection.

Our Mission:

- We need to remember that Church is not just a building.
- Church is a place we gather, but it is really where we find Jesus – body, blood, soul, and divinity.
- Church is where we learn about God's teachings and how we are to live our lives.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of October 27-November 2 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 1	\$ 1
World Missions/Propagation of Faith	
\$ 1,335.00	



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.

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

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



The Configuration and Vocational Synthesis

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



Do you have any Christmas decorations that you are not using anymore? Why not donate them to the Johnson Family Connection! Bring your decorations to the Church vestibule by
November 16.



Christmas Card Collection Companions Journeying Together Prison Ministry November 8-16



The St. Irene Women of Faith will be collecting Christmas cards that will be distributed to correctional facilities so prisoners can send cards to family and friends.

Guidelines: unsigned cards, no glitter, no foil, no glue, no 3-D features nor cut-outs. Please place Christmas cards in the bin in the vestibule.



VOCATIONS OFFICE

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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 Configuration and Vocational Synthesis

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
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The final 4 years of seminary bring a shift in focus. More confident in his identity as a disciple of Jesus, the man enters the Configuration Stage and begins the formal study of theology. Here, his humanity is more intentionally shaped so as to mirror Christ the Shepherd. He studies Scripture, doctrine, moral theology, liturgy, and pastoral theology with an eye toward preaching, celebrating the sacraments, and shepherding souls. The man regularly spends his weekends assisting at liturgy, engaged in parish ministries,

and functions in a ministerial capacity.

In the fall of his final year of seminary, the man is ordained as a transitional deacon and enters the Vocational Synthesis Stage. At this point, he has completed his academic training and will now live and serve full-time in a parish. This year is truly a "synthesis" because everything converges here: prayer, study, service, community life, and ministry, demonstrating that the seminarian has become a man of integration, freedom, and priestly witness who is ready to step forward into priesthood.

These final stages are not

just about learning what a priest does, but about becoming who a priest is. Through study, service, and the grace of the sacraments, the man is configured more fully to Christ the High Priest, ready to lay down his life for God's people.



This is Part 3 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.



Diocese of Joliet

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"I Have Loved You" — A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, [Pope Leo XIV](#) has speedily penned and shared with us his first [Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te* \("I Have Loved You"\)](#). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter [MAKE!](#) which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of [the Early Church Fathers](#), the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how [Saint John Paul II](#) and [Pope Benedict XVI](#) carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a [home for orphaned and abandoned children](#), I remember when a donation allowed us

to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.



Upcoming Events

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Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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

November 18 – *Catholic Parent Night – Parish Center*

November 25 – *No RE*

November 27 – *Thanksgiving*

December 10 – *First Reconciliation 6:00pm*

December 16 – *Catholic Parent Night – Parish Center*

December 23 – *No RE*

December 25 – *Christmas Day*

December 30 – *No RE*

November 9 | 9:00am

Youth Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

November 10 | 6:00pm

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

November 10 | 6:15pm

Hand-bell Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

November 10 | 7:00pm

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

November 12 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

November 13 | 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Meeting in the Mobiles.

November 14 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

November 14 | 6:00pm

Volunteer Dinner: Dinnner will be in the ACL. Please remember to RSVP to the evite you received.

November 15-16 | After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality: Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **Novembr**? Contact the Parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality too!

November 16 | 9:00am

Youth Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

November 16 | 10:00am

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

November 16 | 11:00am

High School Teen Group: Come to 10:00am Mass and join us for food, fun, and faith afterwards in the Mobiles!

November 16 | 1:30pm

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

November 17 | 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.



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If you have any questions, please contact
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