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

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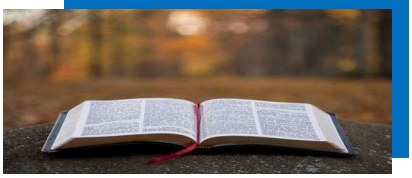
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2 Prayer & Worship



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28, 4:30PM
†Anita Benson / Mary Kuliavas
†Beverly Scott / Kevin & Allison Looby

Sunday, November 29, 8:00AM
St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 29, 10:00AM
†John & Barbara Garceau/Garceau Family
†Jose Perez / Garceau Family

Monday, November 30, 8:00AM
†Gilbert L. McAuliff / 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, December 1, 8:00AM
†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, December 2, 12:00PM
†Mary Kay Colgan / Larry & Kay Shank

Thursday, December 3, 7:00AM
†Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 4, 7:00AM
†Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 5, 4:30PM
†Harry Berning/Berning & Siele Families
†Lucille Palys/Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, December 6, 8:00AM
St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, December 6, 10:00AM
†Kenneth Viertel / Maggie Callagan
†Donna Wasz / Diana

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.
† = Deceased

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR…

Brad George	Jim McDermott	Joan Moran
Mary Hefertepe	Rachel Jarasius	Hannah Kelley
David Peterson	Don Clevenger Sr.	Gary Naberhaus
Theo Reed	Ron Dieter	Fr. John Ouper
Doreene Camardo	William Hawkins	Carol Helms
Chris Boettcher	Arlene Grossi	Sylvia Rivera
Farfan family	Mauro Flores	Lucas Yates
Sandy Decker	Wes Clemens	Michael Bates
Kurtis Kunath	Paula Peterson	

**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: Rom 10:9-18/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Nov 29

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Friday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Bereaved Holiday Season Bill of Rights

As a grieving person, you have certain inalienable rights that cannot be taken away from you by those who may not understand.

When grieving during the holiday season, you have the right to:

1. Feel what you feel and be politely honest with others about it. If you do not feel merry, cheerful, or otherwise festive, then say so.

2. Reserve your feelings. If you would rather say, "I am fine," that is okay.

3. Avoid parties or family gatherings where your loved one and your grief are not welcome.

4. Take time for yourself, whether this is a walk alone, a day in bed, or some other momentary escape.

5. Cry when it hurts, laugh when something is funny, and smile when you are happy. Don't feel guilty about any of it.

6. Have your loved one remembered in a way that is meaningful to you.

7. Change your mind repeatedly during any get-together, event, or party. You may not know what you can or cannot handle until faced with it.

8. Change traditions when necessary or desired. Traditions are supposed to bring comfort, not distress.

9. Enjoy your holidays. Your loved one is going to be celebrating with you. It doesn't mean that you have forgotten or are being disrespectful. Living life is a wonderful way to honor them.

10. Try again next year if this year does not turn out the way that you want.



4 Parish Community



Sign up to light the Advent Wreath!

Also sign up to bring up the gifts for Advent and Christmas too!

Sign up in the Narthex



Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday, December 12 after 4:30pm Mass

Hosted by the St. Irene Women of Faith
A traditional dinner will be served in the ACL

Spread the joy of the season

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOOD DRIVE



DECEMBER 11

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

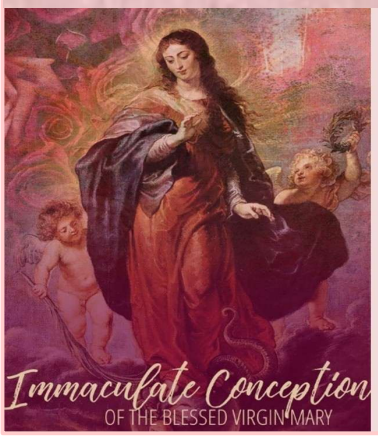
Carolers from St. Irene Church will be strolling through **your neighborhood** and collecting non-perishable food donations for the Neighborhood Food Pantry. They are in special need of rice, pasta, beans of all kinds, juices, canned vegetables, and cereal.

REGISTER BY DEC 1 USING FORM ON NARTHEX INFO DESK

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.

Individual Confessions on December 8 at 6:00pm



Join us for Mass on December 8 at 7:00am or 7:00pm to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



December 6 after 10:00am Mass in the ACL
The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast! Join us to let Santa know what you would like for Christmas!

ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF

36th ANNUAL

January 30, 2027

Our Chili-Cookoff team is worknig hard to make our 100th year celebration extra special this upcoming January. You do not want to miss this event. If you are new to the parish, or have never attended, I am personnaly inviting you to attend. We are looking for contestants! Have a recipe that you think can win. All contestants get $150 to help off-set your expenses. After Thanksgiving, we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Also, we need pictures from past Chili-Cookoffs, years 1 through 35. Any questions, or pictures, email Jeff Schmitz at lcschmitz1@comcast.net,

Faith Formation 5



Questions:

+ Do you remember the start of this school year?

+ How did you prepare for the new year?

+ Were there special items to get or special activities to do?

Tie it to the Gospel:

- Today is start of our new Church year - ADVENT!!!!
- The idea to be ready and prepared is exactly what Jesus is telling his disciples to do in today's scripture reading.
- Just like school starts a new year every year, so, too, does the Church start a new year every year.

Our Mission:

- Advent is the time in which we, as a church, prepare for another year of reading, discussing, and listening to stories about Jesus and teachings from Jesus.
- One of the reasons we prepare for a new church year is the same reason we prepare for a new school year: So that we won't miss a single thing that Jesus, our teacher, has to share with us.
- Some of the ways that we can prepare for the new church year is by reading and talking about stories that remind us of what Jesus' life and ministry are meant to do.
- We also get ready to celebrate his birth in December.

6 Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of November 9 – November 15
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
$ 9,752.38	$ 130.00

Campaign for Human Development $1,595.15



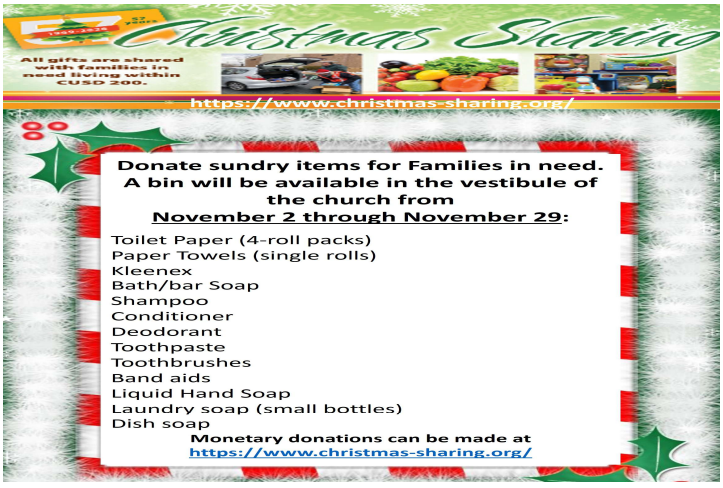


Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

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!









SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

Please remember that neither Fr. Greg nor the staff will ever ask for financial help, gift cards, Square Account, etc. through email or text. Remember to check the actual email address.

Knights of Columbus
"Feed My Starving Children"
Volunteer Food-Packing Event,
Saturday, December 5, 9:00-10:45am

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. Age 5 and up are welcome. Students can earn service hours. Volunteer tasks for those who need to be seated will be available. To volunteer register at www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=25W0VZ or contact Tom Nemo at tejn74@yahoo.com or 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!

Upcoming Events



November 30 | 7:00pm
Small Christian Community: Join us to discuss "An Introduction to Prayer" in the Parish Center.

December 2 | 6:00pm
Legion of Mary: Join us in the Parish Center for rosary, faith sharing and works of mercy.

December 2 | Wednesdays 6:15pm
Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

December 2 | Wednesdays 7:30pm
Handbell Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.

December 3 | 11:30pm
Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for a Christmas luncheon in the ACL.

December 3 | Thursdays 6:00pm
Grief Support Group: Grief is a journey, and you don't have to walk it alone. Join us in the Mobiles.

December 4 | Fridays 1:00pm
Daytime Small Christian Communities: Join us to read and discuss the scriptures for the weekend.

December 4 | 7:00pm
First Friday Holy Hour: Join us for Holy Hour with exposition of the Holy Eucharist & benediction with rosary at 6:30pm.

December 6 | 8:00am
Pancakes with Santa: Join us for a pancake breakfast with Santa hosted by the Knights.

St. Irene's
Lunch Bunch Ministry
Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 3, 2026
Activity Center – Lower Level
11:30 – 2:00pm
Entertainment – *David's Bazaar: Sing-a-Long*
Come join us for fun, fellowship and lunch from Maggiano's!!
FREE WILL DONATIONS WELCOMED



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

December 1 – *Advent Family Mass 5:30pm*
December 9 – *1st Reconciliation 6:00pm*
December 22 & 29 – *No Class Christmas Break*

December 7 | 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.

December 7 | 6:00pm
Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting: Join us in the Parish Center for a planning meeting.

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