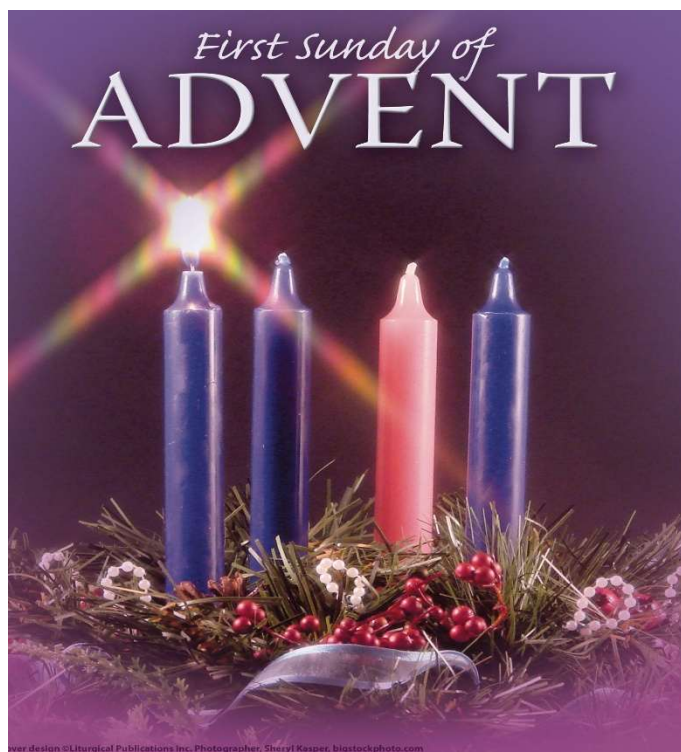


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Welcome!

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 29, 4:30PM
†George C. Andel / Church Ladies

Sunday, November 30, 8:00AM
St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, November 30, 10:00AM
†Edwin Drafke / 1st Anniversary
Mary Hafertepe for healing / Carl Seaberg

Monday, December 1, 8:00AM
†Dianne Kroll

Tuesday, December 2, 8:00AM
Holy Vocations for Priesthood, Religious
Life, and Marriage

Wednesday, December 3, 12:00PM
†Ted Mlsna / Joanne Mlsna

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, December 4, 7:00AM
†Sam Vitale / 1st Anniversary

Friday, December 5, 7:00AM
†William Baker / Family

Saturday, December 6, 4:30PM
†Lucille Palys / Berning & Siele Families
†Harry Berning / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, December 7, 8:00AM
St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, December 7, 10:00AM
†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
Mary Hafertepe for healing / Carl Seaberg



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Is 4:2-6/
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 8:5-11

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 11:1-10/
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
(see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Gregory LaRocco
Chuck Dutton
Katie Stanutz
Tom McNelis
Kelsey Woods
Dennis Knell
Joan Moran
Rachel Jarasius
Hannah Kelley
Don Clevenger Sr.
Ron Dieter

Jim Stoudt
Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar
Mary Colgan
Gary Naberhaus

Carlos Contreras
Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
Donna Bernstein
Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
Leonardo Przybylek
David Peterson
Theo Reed

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

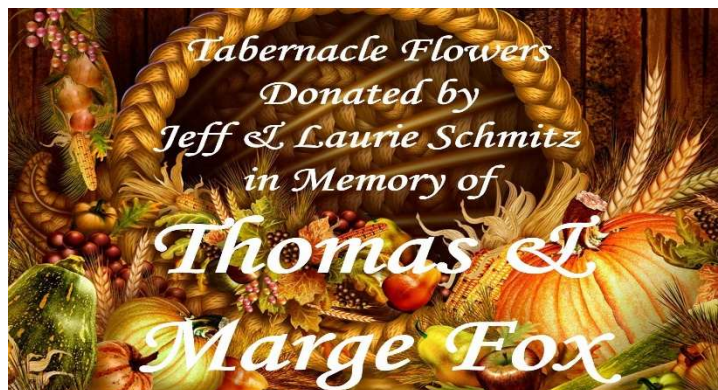
OBSERVANCES for the Week of Nov 23

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent





December 7
after 8:00am Mass
to 12:00pm in the ACL

**The Knights of Columbus are hosting a
pancake breakfast!**
**Join us to let Santa know what you would
like for Christmas!**

**Celebrate Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Saturday, December 13
after 4:30pm Mass

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

**WHEATON
DRAMA**

**Come see fellow St. Irene parishioner and
choir member**
Sean Lynch
**perform in White Christmas at Wheaton
Drama**
November 21-December 14.
Tickets can be purchased at the door

*Hang up your stocking, put out your shoes
cuz on December 4th we've got good news!
It's a couple of days early, and maybe a hunch,
that St. Nicholas is coming to the Senior Lunch Bunch!*

Senior Lunch Bunch
December 4 at 11:30am in the ACL
featuring Maggiano's catered luncheon with
Chicken Francese, Lasagna, and Maggiano's Salad

Come enjoy the beautiful voices of the
Wheaton Warrenville South Choir

RSVP by November 30 to Carrie Beale
630-997-3276 or starfire56@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE
St. Irene Trivia Night
Saturday, January 17 in the ACL
5:30pm – Doors Open
6:00pm – Trivia begins!

**Raffles, games, and
plenty of music ... it's part of the trivia!**

Reserve your table or spot today!
Email: kevin.Druley@gmail.com
Call/text: 314-973-8670
Trivia night benefits our parish.



**Sign up to light the
Advent Wreath!**

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

**Sign up by the reception
desk in the Narthex**



**St. Irene/Bridge Transitional Housing
Committee - Family #14 –
November 2025 Update**

We currently have a fantastic client who we expect to do well within the Bridge program. Our client, head of St. Irene's family #14, started in August of this year. She has finished her first quarter and signed a new contract for quarter 2. She has welcomed all advice with enthusiasm and has been quick to tackle every goal we set before her.

Her debt repayment is going well. She has paid off all her credit cards. She is on track to have half her student loans paid off by the end of the first year. Through St. Irene's matching program, she will have all student loans paid off at that time. She is actively getting help with therapy for her son of 2 and a half years and herself. She is currently employed full time with benefits. We feel the investment in family #14 is money well spent.

**Join the Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass
Family Choir**

for Children and Youth ages 5+ and their
musical family members of all ages.

Contact
ellen@st-
irene.org

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays 5:00 - 5:30 PM, Dec. 2, 9, 23



Spread the joy of the season

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING
FOOD DRIVE**

DECEMBER 12

5:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Assemble in St. Irene ACL
Carol through Warrenville
neighborhoods and collect food for
Neighborhood Food Pantry
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**



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 you ever been really excited about a special day or event?
- + Was it hard to be patient and wait for that special day?"
- + How did you prepare yourself for the long wait until that special day?"

Tie it to the Gospel

- In the Gospel, Jesus is telling the disciples about a day that they will receive a special gift, but they need to "stay awake" to receive it.
- And the gift that Jesus brings, that Jesus wants the disciples to stay awake for is the good news of how we can live God's better way.
- We know that the disciples had to wait for that gift.

Our Mission:

- As a church, the time of the year where we practice "staying awake" to the gift that Jesus brings is called, "Advent."
- Advent means to await and prepare for the arrival of something.
- For the next few weeks, then, we will do things that will help us prepare and get ready to receive the gift of the good news that Jesus brings.
- Because, just like we don't want to sleep through Christmas, we also don't want to sleep through the Good News that Jesus brings and shares with us.

**Stewardship of Treasure
Week of November 10-November 16
(Includes on-line contributions)**

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 24,074.92	\$ 385.00
Campaign for Human Development \$1,976.00	



Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

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).*



The Four Advent Candles

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness.

One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ Candle."

Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent.

First Week of Advent – November 30:

- **Represents:** Hope
- **Candle Name:** the Prophecy Candle
- **Candle Color:** Purple which is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

Dynamic Catholic



Giving Tree

Tags are on the Giving Trees in the vestibule.
Please return gifts by
December 14.

This year we will be supporting:
*Warrenville Youth Center
*Bridge Community Families

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

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

Upcoming Events

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December 1 | 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 1 | 6:00pm

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

December 2 | 5:00pm

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

December 3 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

December 4 | 11:30am

Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for a St. Nicholas themed lunch and the Wheaton Warrenville South Choir. RSVP to Carrie Beale.

December 5 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

December 5 | 7:00pm

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

December 7 | after 10:00am Mass

Breakfast with Santa: Join us to have pancakes with Santa courtesy of the Knights of Columbus!

December 8 | 7am & 7pm Masses

Immaculate Conception: Join us to celebrate Mary's conception without original sin.



**First Friday Holy Hour
with Exposition of the
Holy Eucharist
and Benediction**

December 5, 7:00pm

with Rosary at 6:30pm



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 7, 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Immaculate Conception Masses

Monday, December 8, 7:00AM and 7:00PM

Individual Confessions

Wednesday, December 10, 12:30PM

Thursday, December 11, 7:00PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

Saturday, December 13, 5:30PM

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

- 4:00PM - Christmas Vigil Mass
- 10:00PM - Christmas Carols and Anthems
- 10:30PM - Christmas Mass at Night

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

- 8:00AM - Christmas Mass at Dawn
- 10:00AM - Christmas Mass During the Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 9:00AM

Epiphany- Saturday, January 3

- 4:30PM Vigil Mass

Epiphany - Sunday, January 4

- 8:00AM Mass
- 10:00AM Mass

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