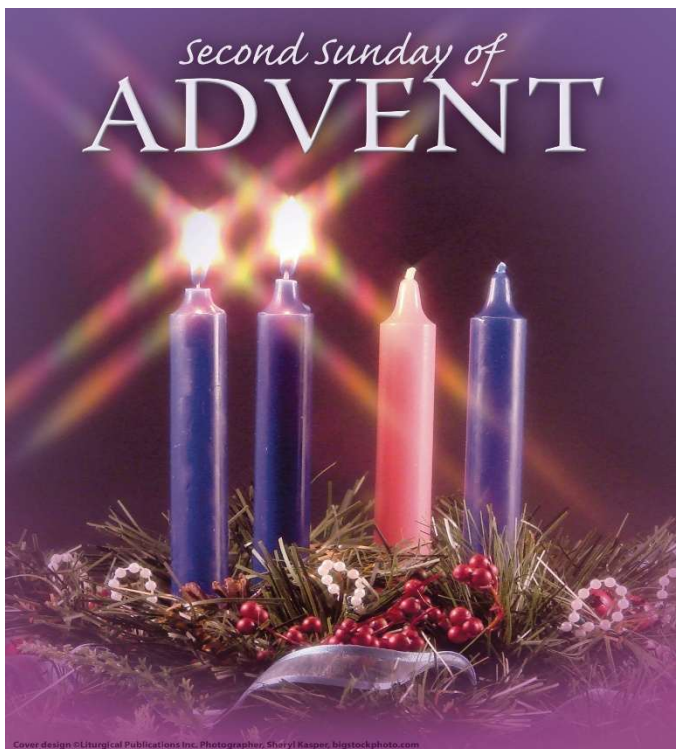


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Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Starts September 2



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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:

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7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 8, 7A & 7P

St. Irene Parish Family

Tuesday, December 9, 8:00AM

†Anthony Nilges / Cathy Kott

Wednesday, December 10, 12:00PM

†William Baker / Family

Thursday, December 11, 7:00AM

†Phil Parker / Ray Parker

Friday, December 12, 7:00AM

†Rebecca & Pedro Aranda / Family

Saturday, December 13, 4:30PM

†Bob Koshko / Carl & Alexandra

†Douglas Berning / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, December 14, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, December 14, 10:00AM

†Kenneth Viertel / Callaghan Family

†Gladys Aranda / Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/

Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,

13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/

Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,

12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/

Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,

18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

Karen Udell

Carlos Contreras

Jennifer Tomashek

Rob Siebert

Donna Bernstein

Paula Peterson

Jim McDermott

Christopher Kennedy

Leonardo Przybylek

David Peterson

Theo Reed

Fr. John Ouper

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

Condolences to the Family of

James Joseph Jennings

Father of Julie Duquette

Entered eternal life

November 24, 2025

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Farmer**



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!



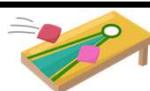
**Celebrate Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Saturday, December 13
after 4:30pm Mass

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



Knights of Columbus
Cornhole Fun for Girls and Boys!



Looking for some fun on a dreary winter day?

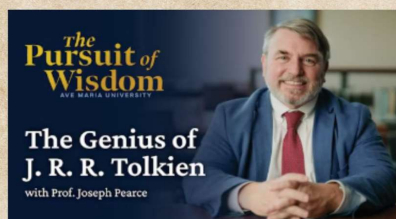
The St. Irene gym will be open **Saturday, December 20,**
from 12 noon to 3pm for all girls and boys ages 8 to 14
for playing cornhole. Several cornhole courts will be set
up for open play.

Parents/ grandparents/guardians will need to complete an
entry form, which will be available on site.

If you have any questions, contact Tom Nemo at 630 961
0930 or tejn74@yahoo.com.

This is a no-cost event.

**Come Join Us as We Discuss
“The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien”**



Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)
When: Every other Monday Beginning in January
(1/12/26, 1/26/26, 2/9/23, 2/23/26, 3/9/26, 3/23/26)
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org



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.

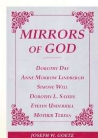


**Sign up to light the
Advent Wreath!**

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

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

Women's Book Study



Mirrors of God by Joseph W. Goetz
Why should you join us?

Mirrors of God shows us that we are
meant to reflect the Creator—
not perfectly, but faithfully.

In six brief chapters, author Joseph W. Goetz helps us:

- Ponder spiritual truths
- Repent and refocus
- Align with God's vision

He does this beautifully through the stories of six women
who have modeled this faithful reflection of God.

Study Details:

Dates: Feb. 16th and March 2nd

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Location: St. Irene School Building Room 202

Lead by: Shannon M Burns is retired as a nationally known consultant and
trainer on ethical issues, public engagement, corporate consultation, personal
wellness and environmental issues. Dr. Burns now devotes her time and creativity to
leading thought provoking book discussions.

Bring your book or let us know if you'd like a copy.

All women are welcome!

Come grow in faith and community.

To sign up or learn more:

Contact: Maggie Detwiler - maggie@st-irene.org

ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILI COOK-OFF 35th ANNUAL

April 11, 2026!!!

Due to the Church Renovations, the **Chili Cook-Off** has been rescheduled to April 11, 2026. If you have any questions regarding donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or being a contestant, please contact Jeff Schmitz at lschmitz1@comcast.net.



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
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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.

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**

Sean Lynch

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



Questions:

- + Have you ever had the chance to meet one of your heroes or idols?
- + What things did you do to make sure that you were ready to meet them?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In the Gospel, John the Baptist is telling the people to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
- John the Baptist is wary of the Pharisees and Sadducees (leaders of the time) coming to be baptized because he did not think that they had truly repented.
- John the Baptist is looking for the people and leaders to have a change of heart in order to be worthy of baptism – they need to truly repent.

Our Mission:

- John is trying to get the people to turn around so that they will be facing the right way to connect with Jesus once Jesus starts his ministry.
- And, John also says that if the people do connect with Jesus, then they will also receive God's Holy Spirit.
- God's Holy Spirit is what helps the people from the Bible stories (and all of us here today, including you and me) share God's healing, blessing and abundance with those around us.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



Second Week of Advent – December 7:

- **Represents: Peace and Preparation**
- **Candle Name:** the Bethlehem Candle
- **Candle Color:** Purple during this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming

We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Dynamic Catholic



Knights of Columbus 2025 Shoe Drive Recap

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The generosity of our parish and community never ceases to amaze. This year's 2025 Knights of Columbus Share Your Soles Shoe Drive was a resounding success. We collected over 250 pairs of shoes that will be repurposed and sent to those in need. Shoes that were collected are being sent to benefit those at a Native American Reservation in the Dakotas. We are sincerely grateful for your continued support of our charitable projects.

Thank you, once again!



Stewardship of Treasure Week of November 10-November 23 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 13,118.79	\$ 175.00

Stewardship of Treasure Week of November 24-November 30 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 30,293.00	\$ 200.00



Companions Journeying Together Christmas Card Collection

Thank you to the generous St Irene donors! **Over 1,700 Christmas cards and 140 birthday and notecards** were donated. Please know that your generous donations help those incarcerated maintain positive relationships with those back home.



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, Pasta
Canned tuna, chicken, or beans
Cooking Oil, Kraft macaroni & cheese
Breakfast foods, Cereal, Oats**

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).*

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

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



2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Upcoming Events

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December 7 | after 8:00am 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.

December 8 | 7:00pm

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

December 10 | 12:30pm

Individual Confessions: Fr. Greg will be available for individual confessions.

December 10 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

December 11 | 7:00pm

Individual Confessions: Fr. Greg will be available for individual confessions.

December 12 | Fridays 1:00pm

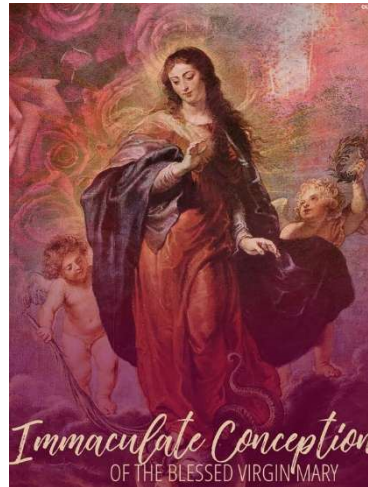
Daytime Small Christian Communities: Join us to read and discuss the scriptures for the weekend.

December 12 | 5:45pm in ACL

Christmas Caroling & Food Drive: Join the choir to spread Christmas cheer, gather food for the pantry, and top it off with cookies and cocoa!

December 13 | 5:30pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration: Join us in the ACL for a traditional dinner hosted by the St. Irene Women of Faith.



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



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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