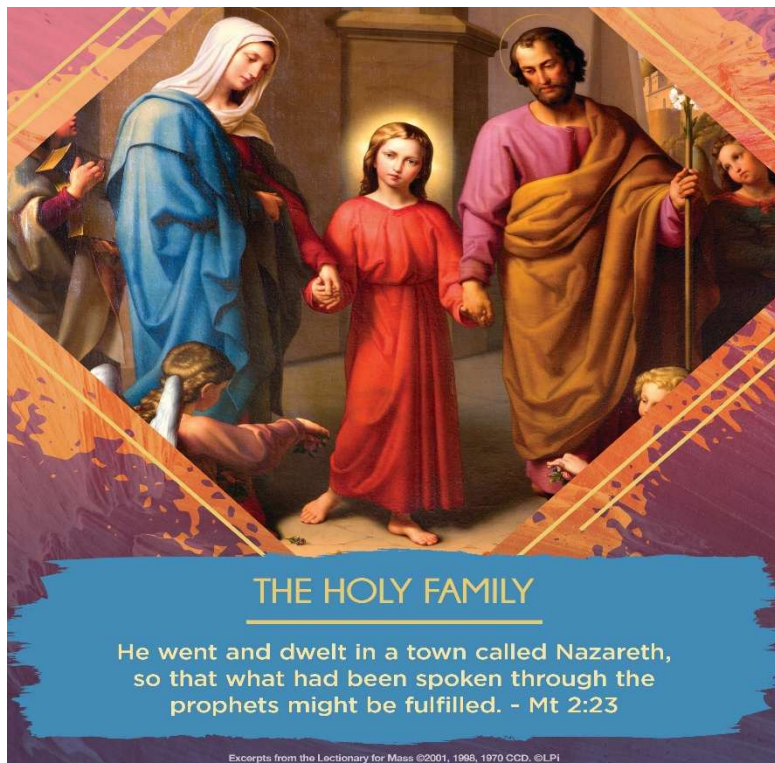


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# Welcome!

## 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, December 27, 4:30PM**

†Gloria Wilger / 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
†Jan (John) Palys / Berning & Siele Families

**Sunday, December 28, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

**Sunday, December 28, 10:00AM**

†David Fraser / 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Mary Hafertepe for healing/Carl Seaberg

**Monday, December 29, 8:00AM**

†William Baker / Family

**Tuesday, December 30, 8:00AM**

†Barney Keating / Joanne Mlsna

**Wednesday, December 31, 12:00PM**

†Barbara Kometz/Marty & Susan Kometz

*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.*

† = Deceased

**Thursday, January 1, 9:00AM**

†Leroy Bollweg / Family

**Friday, January 2, 7:00AM**

†William Baker / Family

**Saturday, January 3, 4:30PM**

†John Kometz/Marty & Susan Kometz  
†Karen & Ron Battaglia/Susan Battaglia

**Sunday, January 4, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

**Sunday, January 4, 10:00AM**

Mary Hafertepe for healing/Carl Seaberg  
†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies



## WEEKLY READINGS

[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/

Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/

Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/

Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/  
Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/

Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,  
7-8, 10-11, 12-13/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Chuck Dutton

Katie Stanutz

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

Doreene Camardo

Kathy Aranda

Rich Planek

Fr. Gerald Riva

Bev Murphy

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Ken Intihar

Mary Kay Colgan

Gary Naberhaus

Karen Udell

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.

## OBSERVANCES for the Week of Dec 28

**Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

**Thursday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God,  
New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

**Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord







## **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.*

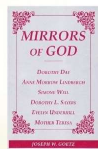
*When grieving during the holiday season, you have the right to:*

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.

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

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

### 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. 16<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>

 **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](mailto:maggie@st-irene.org)

## 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](mailto:Maggie@st-irene.org)

## Trivia Night

### SAVE THE DATE

**St. Irene Trivia Night**

**Saturday, January 17 in the ACL**

**5:30pm – Doors Open**

**6:00pm – Trivia begins!**

## ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH COOK-OFF 35<sup>th</sup> 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 [lcschmitz1@comcast.net](mailto:lcschmitz1@comcast.net).

### NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our web site.

**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](mailto:joe.urso@outlook.com).

**SICK CALLS:** Call the Parish Office.



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



### **Questions:**

- + Have you ever had to take a long trip somewhere?
- + How did you prepare for the trip?
- + How did you know the directions to get to your destination?

### **Tie it to the Gospel**

- Today we hear the story of an angel coming to Joseph in a dream and telling him to flee to Egypt so that Herod could not kill Jesus.
- Once again Joseph listens to the call from God and does what he asked to do.
- We continue to hear how Joseph is told once again to move to Israel.
- Joseph once again has great faith and abides by God's request.

### **Our Mission:**

- Joseph and Mary continue to listen to God's call and do what he asks of them.
- This family serves as the model for all of our families.
- We need to pray, serve, and celebrate our faith together as God calls us to do.

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## Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure  
Week of December 1-December 7  
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 8,439.43	\$ 425.00

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2025photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2025photos) to meet the religious pictured.  
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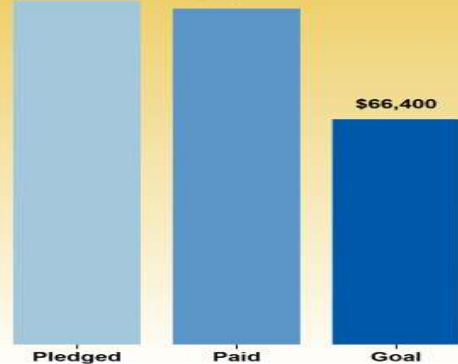
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Goodness*



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Results

\$101,434 \$99,026 **December 14, 2025**



### 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](http://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).*



**Skip it, don't sip it!**

Gentle reminder ...  
if you are feeling sick, please don't  
partake of the cup.

## Upcoming Events

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**January 1 | 9:00am**

**Solemnity of Mary:** Join us for Mass to start off the year!

**No Adoration on Thursday,  
January 1, 2026**

**January 2 | 7:00pm**

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

**January 3-4 | All Masses**

**Epiphany:** Come to Mass to get your house blessing chalk.

**January 5 | 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.

**January 5 | 6:00pm**

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

**January 7 | Wednesdays 7:00pm**

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

**January 8 | 6:00pm**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** Monthly meeting for the Knights of Columbus in the ACL.

**January 8 | 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.



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

**January 2, 7:00pm**

**with Rosary at 6:30pm**



### **Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events**

**December 30 – No RE**

**January 1 – Happy New Year!**

**January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**January 20 – Catholic Parent Night**

**February 3 – No RE**

### **Christmas Schedule**

**New Year's Eve**

**Wednesday, December 31, 12:00PM**

**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

**Parish Offices will be closed from  
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