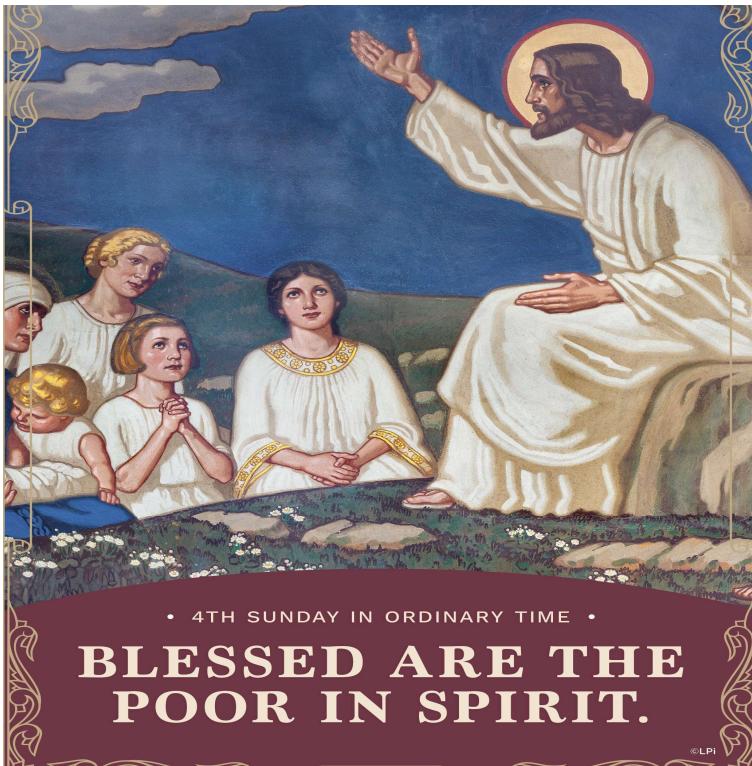


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# Welcome!

## 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, January 31, 4:30PM**

†Giuseppe Siele Jr. / Berning Family  
†James Jennings Jr. / Allison & Kevin Looby

**Sunday, February 1, 8:00AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

**Sunday, February 1, 10:00AM**

†Kenneth Viertel / Maggie Callaghan  
†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies

**Monday, February 2, 8:00AM**

†Dianne Kroll

**Tuesday, February 3, 8:00AM**

Morning Mass Group

**Wednesday, February 4, 12:00PM**

†John Minic / Marty & Susan Kometz

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

## HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Chuck Dutton

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Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

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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 Feb 1

**Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

**Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

**Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Condolences to the Family of

**Gilbert L. McAuliff**

Entered eternal life

November 30, 2025

Visitation February 7, 10:00am at St. Irene  
followed by Funeral at 10:30am at St. Irene



## WEEKLY READINGS

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

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,  
24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2,  
3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2,  
9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/  
Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,  
10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

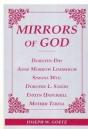
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31,  
47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/  
Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14/Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/  
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

# Parish Community

## 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)

We will be recycling palms from  
**February 1-15.**

Please deposit your palms in  
the baskets by the doors.



### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle



Parishioners and Friends, you are once again invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle to be held on **February 8, 2026** during the Super Bowl game. Buy raffle tickets early to take advantage of the last early bird drawing to be held on **February 1** at St. Irene following the 10:00 AM Sunday Masses. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday. For questions contact James Halama at [jhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jhalama@comcast.net) or at 630-433-6240.

## 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  
(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)



## 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.ursu@outlook.com](mailto:joe.ursu@outlook.com).

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



Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make our temporary worship space in the Activity Center both functional and inviting. Please keep in mind the following:

**Be a part of this new chapter!**

- **Use the side doors to enter the building**, not the front doors. Accessible entrance is on the East side of the building.
- **Masses will be simulcast to the ACL**, allowing for those with mobility concerns and young families to fully participate in our lower-level seating areas.
- **Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers will be on hand in both seating areas** to help you navigate to your seat, pass the basket during the offertory and distributing communion (bread only) during Mass.
- **Seating will be cozy!** Please help by minimizing open chairs and moving over when directed by the ushers.
- **Confession will be heard on Saturday afternoon upstairs in the new space in the sacristy** just off the altar. If you require an accessible option for confession, please reach out to [pamela@st-irene.org](mailto:pamela@st-irene.org).
- **While we will not have a children's room**, the lower level will be available for those with young children. We ask that noise be kept to a minimum if possible.

Thank you all for your grace and flexibility as we prepare a new house for the Lord!

**For more information, visit our “Christ at Our Center” page on our website.**



### Lenten Season

- **February 17** - Palm Burning at 6PM
- **February 18** - Ash Wednesday. Masses at 7AM, 12PM, and 7PM; Liturgy of the Word with Ash distribution at 5:30PM
- **February 19** - All About Prayer Reflection with Fr. Greg at 6:30PM
- **February 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27** - Soup Suppers at 6PM
- **February 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27** - Stations at 7PM
- **March 6** - First Friday Holy Hour (no soup nor stations) at 7PM with Rosary at 6:30PM
- **March 12** - Penance Service with individual confessions at 6:30PM
- **March 19-20** - Palm Sunday. Masses at 4:30PM on Saturday and 8AM and 10AM on Sunday
- **March 20** - Ecumenical Procession at 11:45AM
- **April 2** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM
- **April 2** - Adoration at 8PM - midnight
- **April 3** - Good Friday Confessions at 12PM
- **April 3** - Lord's Passion at 3PM
- **April 4** - Easter Basket Blessing at 12PM
- **April 4** - Easter Vigil at 8PM
- **April 5** - Easter Masses at 8AM and 10AM

### Lenten Regulations:

- ❖ Anyone 14 years old or over, abstain from meat all Fridays of Lent.
- ❖ Anyone 18 years old and under 60, fast on Good Friday:
  - Only one full meatless meal
  - Two other meatless meals should not equal a full meal
  - Eating between meals is not permitted
- ❖ To disregard the law of fasting is sinful.
- ❖ Follow a program of self-denial, serious prayer, and works of charity and mercy.
- ❖ Anyone sick, pregnant, nursing or whose health would be affected by fasting is not bound by these regulations.





## Questions:

- **What does the word, "blessed" mean to you?**
- **How are you blessed?**
- **How do you know that you are blessed?**

## Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's passage, we hear Jesus say that certain people are blessed.
- Now, the word "blessed" can mean a couple of things.
- One thing it can mean is that God is really close to us.
- Jesus then lists some people who are blessed – or "close to God."
- And I think one thing that all those people have in common is that they all want something that God wants, too.
- For instance, the peacemakers want peace, just like God does.
- The merciful want mercy, just like God does.
- And then there are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, just like God does.

## Our Mission:

- God is with us all the time.
- But, in today's scripture passage, Jesus is reminding us that when we are wanting the same things that God is wanting for us and the world, then that is a way that we better know and feel how God is with us.
- The more we know how God is with us, the better able we are to receive God's help to make those things happen in the world that both God and we want to see happen.

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## Stewardship & Liturgical Life



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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America  
Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected **\$1,064.00** to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give just visit [www.usccb.org/latin-America/collection](http://www.usccb.org/latin-America/collection).



On the feast of St. Blaise, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

### Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

This program allows a qualifying senior to defer payment of real estate taxes (for a maximum of \$7,500) and any special assessments on his or her residence. The State of Illinois pays the real estate taxes. Repayment plus interest of 3% annually is made when the senior sells the property or within a year of the estate being settled. To qualify, the senior must:

- be 65 years of age by June 1st of the year for which the application is made,
- have a total household income of \$75,000 or less,
- own and occupy the property,
- have lived in Illinois at least 3 years in a property,
- have no delinquent real estate taxes,
- have up-to-date fire and casualty insurance on the property.

Applications are taken January 1 through February 27 of each application year.

For more information, please call the Treasurer's office at 630-407-5900 or visit

[www.dupagecounty.gov/electedOfficials/treasurer/senior\\_serve/](http://www.dupagecounty.gov/electedOfficials/treasurer/senior_serve/)



**The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!**

This year's theme is **Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!** Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. **Our parish goal is \$65,000.** Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

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\$100 per couple  
Includes Lunch/Materials

**Register NOW at** [www.imetevents.org](http://www.imetevents.org)

For more information, contact Mark & Sue Bonucchi



# Upcoming Events

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## January 31-February 1 | All Masses

**St. Blaise Blessing:** Join us at Mass for throat blessing in celebration of St. Blaise.

## February 2 | 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.

## February 2 | 6:00pm

**Chili Cookoff Planning Meeting:** The planning meeting will be held in the Parish Center.

## February 4 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

## February 4 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

**Handbell Practice:** Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.

## February 5 | 11:30am

**Lunch Bunch Luncheon:** Come and enjoy a nice soup and salad lunch with a talk about the *Languages of Love* from Dr. Shannon Burns.

## February 5 | 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.

## February 6 | Fridays 1:00pm

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



In celebration of St. Blaise,  
we will have Throat Blessing at all weekend Masses  
January 31 - February 1



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

February 6, 7:00pm

with Rosary at 6:30pm



## Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

February 3 – No RE

February 5 – Catechist Evening of Formation

February 7 – Candidate Sponsor Retreat (10AM)

February 16 – President's Day

February 17 – RE/Family Mardi Gras/Palm Burning

February 18 – Ash Wednesday

February 20 – RE Shadow Stations of the Cross (7PM)

## February 6 | 7:00pm

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

## February 8 | 5:30pm

**Super Bowl Raffle Party:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Raffle Party during the Super Bowl in the ACL.

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