

February  
4  
2024

# St. Irene Catholic Parish



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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**Regular Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm  
Friday 8:30am-3:00pm



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## Welcome!

### Join us for Mass!

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 7:00am  
Wednesday | 12:00pm

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### Confessions

After any Mass, by Appointment, or on the  
Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm

#### Church Open for Visiting

Mon. & Wed. 8:30am-4:00pm, Tue. & Thu.  
7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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## Prayer & Worship

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 3, 5PM

†Ray Scott / Bev  
†Karen Schrimpl/Mary Ann & Edward Tully

#### Sunday, February 4, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family  
†Robert Berning / Berning Family

#### Sunday, February 4, 10AM

†Kenneth Viertel /Callaghan Family  
†Karen Schrimpl /Alison & Keenan

#### Tuesday, February 6, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

#### Wednesday, February 7, 12PM

†Michael Hels / 1st Anniversary

#### Thursday, February 8, 7AM

†Adelade Thulin / Kristen Kocan

#### Friday, February 9, 7AM

†George Doyle / Diana

#### Saturday, February 10, 5PM

†Bob Farmer / Farmer Family  
†Shannon Schweiger / Missy & Pat Kemp

#### Sunday, February 11, 8AM

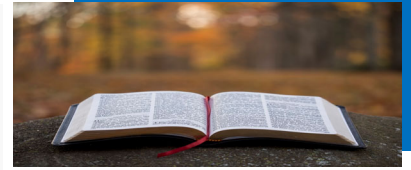
St. Irene Parish Family  
Mary Sue Cramer birthday

#### Sunday, February 11, 10AM

†Robert Johanek / Lichtenberg Family  
†Maxwell Malesh / Mom & Dad

*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.*

† = Deceased



### WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/  
Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23,  
27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,  
11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/  
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/  
Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and  
40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32;  
12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,  
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32;  
13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,  
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/  
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/  
Mk 1:40-45

### HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Patti (Conley) Kras  
Mary Ann True  
Augie Juricic, III  
Ken Di Iulio  
Marco Inserro  
Jennnifer Wingelnik  
Fr. Jim Antiporek  
Bernie Niewoehner

Jean Roe  
Gina LaRocco Goddard  
Terri Juricic  
Rachel Jarasius  
Diane Kroll  
Bob Mudge  
Liam Kracky  
Joyce Havemann

Dcn. Bob True  
Augie Juricic, Jr.  
Katie Kennedy  
Chuck Detwiler  
Rosemary Maher  
Rebecca Aranda  
Robert Parker  
Sam Vitale

*\*\*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 4

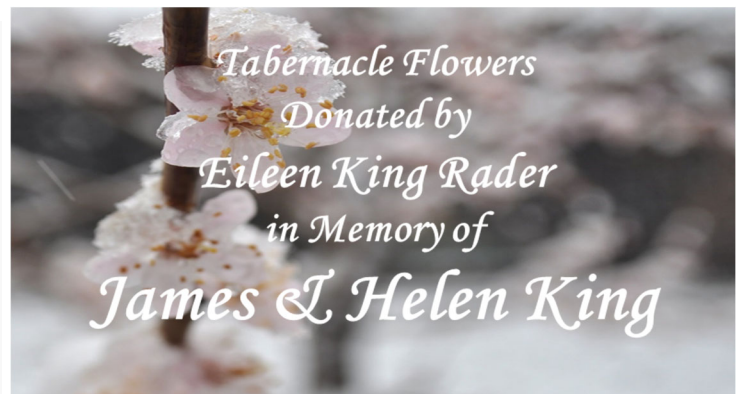
**Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

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

**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine  
Bakhita, Virgin

**Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World  
Marriage Day



*Tabernacle Flowers  
Donated by  
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in Memory of  
James & Helen King*



## Gratefulness During Hard Times

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial.

We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

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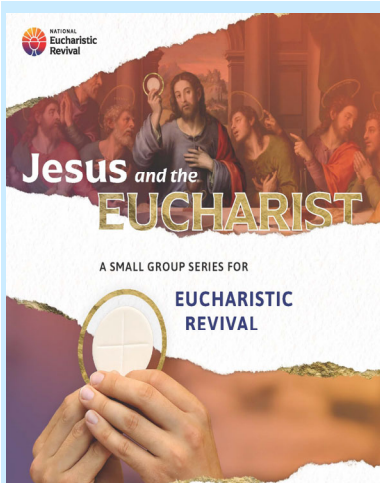


## Eucharistic Revival at St. Irene

**February 15 - *Eucharistic Adoration with a Holy Hour of Lenten Meditations - Flames of Faith***

**Monday Afternoons and Thursday Evenings after Easter 2024 - *Small Group Series on Jesus and the Eucharist***

**Stay tuned for other events!**



**This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).**

**Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less:**

	<u><b>Mondays 1:00PM</b></u>	<u><b>Thursdays 7:00PM</b></u>
<b>Session 1: What’s Our Story?</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 4</b>
<b>Session 2: Who Is Jesus?</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Session 3: Am I Saved?</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Session 4: Why a Church?</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>May 2</b>
<b>Session 5: God Is With</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 23</b>
<b>Session 7: Bread for the Journey</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 30</b>

*See the website for more information and to register.*





## Supporting our seminarians for the glory of God

For Andrew Bogusz, faith and family have always come first. As a dedicated altar server, he felt moved with emotion during the Consecration at every Mass he served. Prayerful time spent in the adoration chapel filled him with a profound sense of connection with Jesus. And his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary played an important role in who he is today.

Throughout his life, people would spontaneously ask him, "Have you ever considered the priesthood?" While others told him what a wonderful priest he'd make one day. Andrew recalled, "In time, I realized that God was speaking to me through others."

The signs pointing him in the direction of priesthood were abundant, yet like many men who are being called, he wrestled with his own plan versus God's plan. "I've always wanted to be a father. I pictured myself with a big family, a house, and a successful career. Then I had an epiphany. God did want me to be a father — a spiritual Father! At that moment, an incredible feeling of peace came over me," he said.

When Andrew entered the seminary, it immediately felt like home. "My fellow seminarians are just ordinary guys who absolutely love Jesus and are in touch with who they are and what the Lord wants them to be," said Andrew.

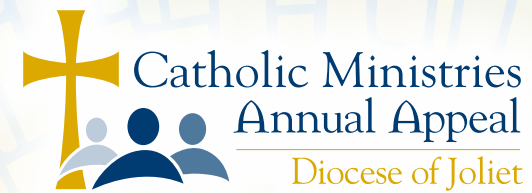
He offered this final thought. "Investing in our next generation of priests is an investment in communion, the sacraments, and the fullness of the ministries the Catholic Church supports. I ask that you pray for the success of the CMAA and blessings to all who support this extraordinary mission."

**The CMAA supports men who are discerning vocations to the priesthood and in seminary formation for the Diocese of Joliet.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, we joyfully recognize and praise God's excellence when we join together in song or prayer to proclaim: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.*



Let's take that a step further by glorifying God not only in words, but in faith-forward action, by putting others ahead of ourselves, and cheerfully making sacrifices in order to accommodate their needs. That is precisely what it means to be "people of good will" — and true Christians!

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is a powerful way we can honor God's glory by helping our neighbors in need. Every day, across the Diocese of Joliet, your generosity is making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate through Catholic Charities, inspiring our next generation of faithful in our Catholic schools and parishes, and educating the men who will devote their lives to shepherding us as our future priests.

As we launch the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, let's reflect on the words of St. Paul, *Whatever you do, no matter what it is, in word or deed, do everything for the glory of God!* I ask you to please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and I encourage you to live your faith fully by making your pledge today. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated.

May God bless you always.

Peace,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

For the  
*Glory*  
of God



Commitment Weekend – February 10-11, 2024

2024 CMAA goal: \$8.75 million | [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Prayerfully consider joining  
one of our donor societies  
with your gift to the Catholic  
Ministries Annual Appeal



When you pledge \$100 a month for 10 months to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, you are welcomed as a member of the *Deo Gratias Society*. Members take a leadership role in the work of the Church, becoming partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Joliet. In addition to spiritual benefits, membership includes an annual Mass and reception with Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, and recognition in our annual publication for society members.

Named for the patroness saint of the environment, paperless recurring monthly giving is the greenest way to contribute, saving valuable resources and reducing the number of diocesan mailings. Members of the *St. Kateri Tekakwitha Society* make a continuous gift to the CMAA via an automatic bank or credit card withdrawal, providing the diocese with a reliable and stable source of income for the many CMAA ministries.



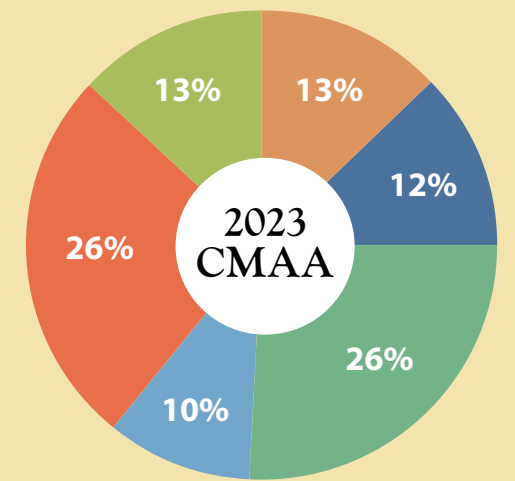
THE LUMEN CHRISTI  
LEGACY SOCIETY



The *Lumen Christi Legacy Society* is for benefactors who share in the future vision of the Diocese of Joliet by making a gift in their will because they care deeply about causes that are important in their life. *Lumen Christi* is Latin for "light of Christ," as gifts given through this society will provide continued support of the parish, Diocese of Joliet, or the Seminarian Education Endowment for generations to come.



In 2023, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal supported essential ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.



Serving our brothers and sisters in need through Catholic Charities	13%
Educating children in the faith through Catholic schools	12%
Strengthening vocations, educating seminarians and supporting clergy	26%
Catechesis and evangelization to all ages and abilities	10%
Serving parishes, parishioners and protecting God's children	26%
Rebates to parishes	13%
TOTAL	\$8,662,000 100%

When we give to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, we are making a difference by helping those in need.



Feeding those in need for the glory of God

When it comes to food insecurity, some of the most vulnerable are our senior citizens living on a fixed income or below the poverty line. The SeniorDine program feeds those in need in three ways: Home Delivery, Community Dining in senior centers and churches, and select restaurants in Kankakee, which offer a special menu for its recipients.

Brandon Barrows, Nutrition Program Director, is passionate about this ministry and proud that it nourishes both the body and social soul. "Many of these folks lack social connection and meeting their physical needs along with their social needs is deeply fulfilling," he said. Seeing a smiling face at your door with a hot meal in hand or sharing a healthy meal and good conversation with fellow seniors helps them feel cared for on many levels.



There are over 190 clients enrolled in the program with more than 110 people on the waitlist and the number keeps growing. "The more people we can help stay independent within our community, the better," said Brandon. Together we can make that happen — one plate, and one kind gesture at a time.

The CMAA supports our senior citizens who are in need of nutritious meals and companionship.

Educating our Catholic school leaders for the glory of God

A Catholic education is a triple blessing. The academic excellence it provides, coupled with the values it instills and life-long friendships it helps create, sets a strong foundation for lives lived deeply in faith. The Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools Office is a ministry whose mission is to provide instruction and support for our principals, teachers, and staff to help them better educate and guide young minds and hearts daily.



Professional development initiatives, classes, and workshops are both academically driven and spiritually rooted. Becky Ward is the principal of St. Raphael Catholic School in Naperville. "Honestly, I am overwhelmed by the incredible support the Catholic Schools Office provides," she said.



Becky has seen firsthand how her teachers apply their leanings to the classroom, the joy it brings, and the difference it makes in their students. "Our Catholic faith is the cornerstone of everything we do," she said. "It's taught in every subject and most especially in the way our teachers and students treat each other and show each other Christ's love."

The CMAA supports the Catholic Schools Office which provides faith-based professional development and resources for our principals, teachers, and staff.

Enriching religious education for the glory of God

God calls us to serve in many special ways. This includes those who answer His call to teach the Catholic faith to our children and adults in formation throughout our diocese.

Deacon Anthony Clishem, Catechetical Formation Leader for the Catechesis and Evangelization Ministry for the Diocese of Joliet, said it best, "Jesus was a teacher and the catechists themselves have a beautiful vocation as teachers who use their gifts to help their students become more like the children of God they are meant to be."

The Catechetical Institute is a valuable resource for training our faith formation leaders, like Lauren Nelson and Kim Kroeze. They lead the religious education program at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Naperville.

Lauren believes teaching the faith is more than sacramental preparation. "It's preparing our children to be Catholics in the world," she said. Kim feels the training she receives is "spiritual nourishment" that feeds her and in turn, nourishes her students. "The more we grow in faith as catechists, the more we can help them grow their own seeds of faith."

The CMAA supports education programs for faith formation leaders in the Diocese of Joliet.







## Palm Recycling

Bring your palms to St. Irene on the weekends of **February 3-4 and 10-11**. There will be a basket available for you to deposit the palms in the vestibule.



**The Baroque Cycle**  
A new award-winning musical by  
former St. Irene music director,  
Jonathon Lynch

March 3, 6:00PM

Madden Theatre, North Central College  
171 Chicago Ave. Naperville

"The Baroque Cycle" (Best Singer winner & Best Score nominee, New York Winterfest 2022) is an innovative one woman musical theatre piece that combines the beauty of classical music with the wild abandon of musical comedy.

It's the story of a young Classically trained soprano who moves to New York to become a Broadway star. Unfortunately, things don't go well for her. Everything from terrible auditions to harrowing subway rides to even tidying her apartment become a nightmare. How does she cope? By retreating to a Baroque music recital in her mind! There she can freely sing about the dumpster fire of her life.

Come, join her for a breakdown Bach would be proud of!

Tickets at [northcentralcollege.edu/show](https://northcentralcollege.edu/show)



## Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support for the Church in Latin

America. As a parish we collected **\$1,247** 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. Your gift makes a difference!

Learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america>.

## ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**February 17, 2024 6:00pm - 10:00pm**

THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

BE A SPONSOR

DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM

ENTER YOUR CHILI

DONATE BOTTLES OF WINE OR LIQUOR

PURCHASE 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

VOLUNTEER TO HELP THAT NIGHT - SIGN-UP AT

[HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/PD3XF](https://volunteersignup.org/PD3XF)



Contact Pamela Keating for more information  
about the Chili Cook-off at [pamela@st-irene.org](mailto:pamela@st-irene.org)

## Condolences to the Family of

**Ro (Rosalyn) Heller**  
Sister of Parishioner Donald Clevenger

Entered eternal life  
on January 25, 2024



## NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our website.

**BAPTISMS:** Call Craig Mazur on x122.

**MARRIAGES:** Call the Parish Office to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

**RECONCILIATION:** After any Mass, on the Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm, or by Appointment.

**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.

# Catholic Kids Column Fulfill Your Mission

In today's Gospel, Jesus visits His disciples' house where Simon's mother-in-law was ill. Jesus immediately healed her. Seeing the wonders of Jesus' healing, other sick villagers were brought to Jesus to be healed physically and spiritually. The next morning, Jesus went off to pray in a secluded place. His disciples followed and told Him that there were others looking for Him.



"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."  
Mark 1:38

Jesus' mission was not to be glorified and worshipped; it was not fame that He was seeking. If He wanted that, He would have gone back to the village after Simon and the others found Him. However, Jesus knew exactly what His purpose was and God's will for Him. His main purpose was to preach for the conversion of sinners. He was not a medicine man who only cured ailments; instead, His physical healings of the sick signify unseen spiritual

healings. That is why Jesus had to preach throughout the whole of Galilee so that He could reach out to as many people as possible, healing them physically and spiritually.

It is easy to be satisfied with your current situation: how you are doing in school, how you are doing at home, the community service or projects you are involved with, etc. As the Gospel portrays, although you are doing great works, you must have your mission in mind and not be satisfied until you have accomplished your goal: **God's will for you.**

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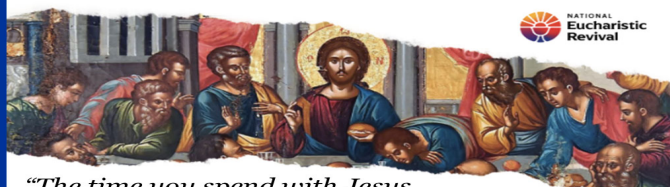
**Attention all girls ages five and up (and their moms)!**

The Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a program whose goal is to provide young Catholic girls, ages five and up, with an opportunity to gather and learn about their Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions. Together, the girls form a special community that builds friendships while learning what it means to be a Catholic girl.

We anticipate meeting one evening a month beginning in February and ending in May. See this week's Flocknote or the parish website for more information and to complete an interest survey.

## Faith Formation

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

Mother Teresa

### Encounter Night

As we begin Lent, come to a special evening of **Eucharistic Adoration** which will include a Holy Hour of intermittent guided meditations to prepare our hearts for this season of fasting, prayer, and penitence.

**Thursday, February 15,  
6 PM—8 PM**

- ◆ 6 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour
- ◆ 6:30 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation available.
- ◆ 7 PM The Holy Rosary

### INVITE OUR LADY OF FATIMA INTO YOUR HOME

Welcome our Lady for a two week period. Pray the Rosary every day: for conversion of sinners, for peace in the world, and for your personal intentions. Even if you've hosted our Lady in the past, you may welcome her again.

More information and sign up at  
[www.st-irene.org](http://www.st-irene.org)

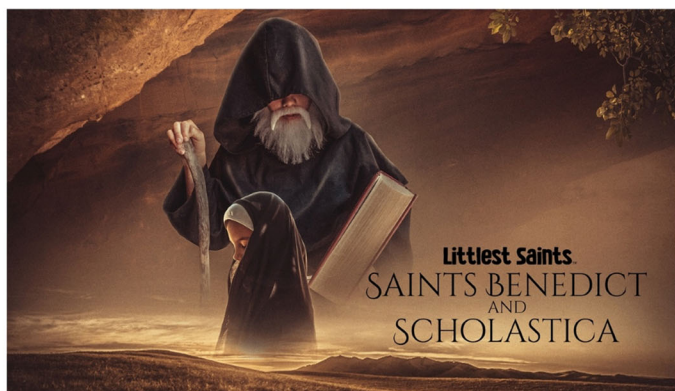


**Lent Parish Mission  
and Reconciliation Service  
March 11, 12, & 13  
Featuring Catholic Speaker  
Maggie Craig**



**7 PM each night in Church**  
More information coming soon!

Learn more about Maggie at  
[www.maggie-craig.com](http://www.maggie-craig.com)



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### Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

The Littlest Saints series captures the lives of saints through the artful and creative storytelling of children.

In this episode, kids can learn about two saints who were family: St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Following their lives, viewers can learn about the beauty of holiness within the family and perseverance in faith.

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### Stewardship of Treasure Week of January 15 - 21 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 10,598.00	\$ 425.00

### Stewardship of Treasure Week of January 22 - 28 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 20,135.08	\$ 115.00

#### St. Irene Women of Faith



Partnering with

Companions Journeying Together



#### Mother's Day Project 2024

Communication with loved ones and other people who can be supportive is very important for people who are imprisoned. It helps keep them grounded and better prepares them for their release. It is also important for families, especially children, to hear from their loved ones. Please help us facilitate that process by providing cards and stationery to prisoners so they are equipped to write especially at Mother's Day.

#### Materials needed:

- postage stamps
- stationery, Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, blank cards
- paper lunch bags
- donations to help delivery costs (Please make checks to "Companions, Journeying Together, Inc.")
- golf pencils without an eraser

#### Materials that CANNOT be used:

- white paper, notebook paper, yellowed or old cards or stationery
- Very important: cards, envelopes or stationery that have glitter or anything glued, pasted or taped; no stickers, also nothing with crayon or marker
- pencils with erasers, ballpoint pens

What it means to recipients: "You can't know how much it means to know that there are people who care for me and my children."

Please deposit donations in the box in the church vestibule the weekends of February 17-18 and 24-25. Thank you!

### Your Gift to CMAA Makes an Impact!

The opening report for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how we, as Christians, are called to serve those in need *For the Glory of God*.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is **\$63,500**. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

**Communion Service with Ash  
distribution at 7:00AM**  
**Mass with Ash distribution at  
12:00PM and 7:00PM**



### Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross



Join us in the ACL for soup supper with a discussion of the *"Beautiful Eucharist"* Christmas Gift book, then Stations of the Cross to follow in church:

- ◆ February 16 – St. Irene Staff and Music Ministry - Mark's version
- ◆ February 23 – Religious Education - Shadow Stations
- ◆ March 1 – St. Irene Women of Faith - Mary's version
- ◆ March 8 – Duquette SCC - Liguori's version
- ◆ March 15 – Steinhoff SCC and LaDeur SCC - John Paul II version
- ◆ March 22 – Knights of Columbus - classic version

For info, contact Pamela Keating - [pamela@st.irene.org](mailto:pamela@st.irene.org)



**Please Return Baby  
Bottles for the Caring  
Network by  
February 24-25**

With your support, Caring Network has saved thousands of lives by providing free pregnancy consultations and services, to help families overcome challenges - and **choose life!**



### Condolences to the Family of

## Rosemarie Rupp

Entered eternal life  
on January 25, 2024



# Upcoming Events

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## February 3-4 | All Masses

**St. Blaise Throat Blessing:** Join us for blessings at all Masses.

## February 10-11 | All Masses

### Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:

Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **February**? Contact the Parish Office and indicate which Mass you will be attending.

## February 11 | SAVE THE DATE

**Super Bowl Raffle:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl Raffle in the ACL starting at 2:00pm.

## February 13 | 6:30pm

**Burning of Palms:** Join us for burning of last year's palms in front of Church

## February 14 | Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday:** Communion Service with Ash distribution at 7AM, Mass with Ash distribution at 12:00PM and 7PM.

## February 16 | 6:00pm

**Soup Supper and Stations:** Join us for a soup supper, book discussion, and followed by Stations of the Cross in Church.

## February 17 | 6:00pm

**Chili Cook-off:** Join us for the 33rd Annual Chili Cook-Off! For info contact Pamela Keating at [pamela@st-irene.org](mailto:pamela@st-irene.org).

## February 18 | 10:00am

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Join us for Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00am Mass.

## February 21 | 7:00pm Wednesdays

**Be Formed Season 8:** Join us to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism. See article on page 5 for more information.

### BLESSING OF THROAT PRAYER *on the feast of St. Blaise*

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"



**The Feast of St. Blaise is February 3. We will have Throat Blessings at all Masses on February 3-4.**



## 28th 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 11**, during the Super Bowl game.

Buy your raffle tickets early to take advantage of early bird drawing that covers the cost of a ticket to be held on **February 4**. Early bird raffle winners remain eligible for drawings on Super Bowl Sunday.

Download the ticket order form from <https://st-irenekofc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SuperBowlRaffleOrderForm2024.pdf>

and follow the directions on how to return your payment and tickets. You may also contact James Halama at [jralama@comcast.net](mailto:jralama@comcast.net) or at 630-433-6240.

Perform with the St. Irene Music Ministry for a Valentine's Day themed sing-along/talent show at the **Springs of Monarch Landing**

## Valentine's Day Sing-along

Monday, February 12  
3 - 3:45 PM

[contact.ellen@st-irene.org](mailto:contact.ellen@st-irene.org)

**TALENT NEEDED!**

## February 24-25 | All Masses

**Anointing of the Sick:** Join us for healing blessings at all Masses.

## March 11-13 | SAVE THE DATE

**Lent Parish Mission and Reconciliation:** Join us for the Parish Lenten Mission featuring Catholic Speaker Maggie Craig.

# Super Bowl 2024 Raffle—Order Your Tickets Now!

Use the ticket forms below to order your tickets. Early bird drawings will be held Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4, 2024. Please make check out to St. Irene Knights of Columbus and send to below:

**James Halama**  
27W100 Galusha Ave.  
Warrenville, IL 60555



## St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

### \$25 Raffle Ticket

2-\$250, 2-\$125, 6-\$50, 7-\$25 Cash Prizes

Cash prizes based on 100 tickets sold  
See below for details

**Super Bowl Sunday**  
**Feb. 11, 2024**

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## St. Irene Knights of Columbus Football Raffle

### \$50 Raffle Ticket

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**Early-Bird Drawings:** Drawings will be held Jan. 14, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4. Each entry can only win once during the early-bird drawings, but remains eligible for the drawings on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024.

**Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday:** Prior to the start of the football game, for each respective pool 100 number pairs will be randomly assigned to each raffle ticket holder, from (0,0) through (9,9). During the football game, one cash prize will be awarded to the person holding the winning number pair each time a team scores; a touchdown plus points after constitutes one score. The winning number pair is comprised as follows: the least significant digit (right most digit) in the NFC team score constitutes the first number, and the least significant digit of the AFC team constitutes the second number in the pair. The cash prize amount is determined by a random drawing from the available cash prize pool. The remainder, if any, at the game's end will be awarded by random drawing of those raffle tickets not having a winning combination during the football game.

The pool of 17 cash prizes are based on 100 tickets sold for each pool. The number of cash prizes and the total cash amount awarded may be reduced to maintain the same winning odds (0.17) and 50% payout of ticket receipts. In the event of multiple raffles being conducted, cash prizes may be pooled. Fifty percent of the raffle ticket receipts will be used to support St. Irene Knights of Columbus programs.



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