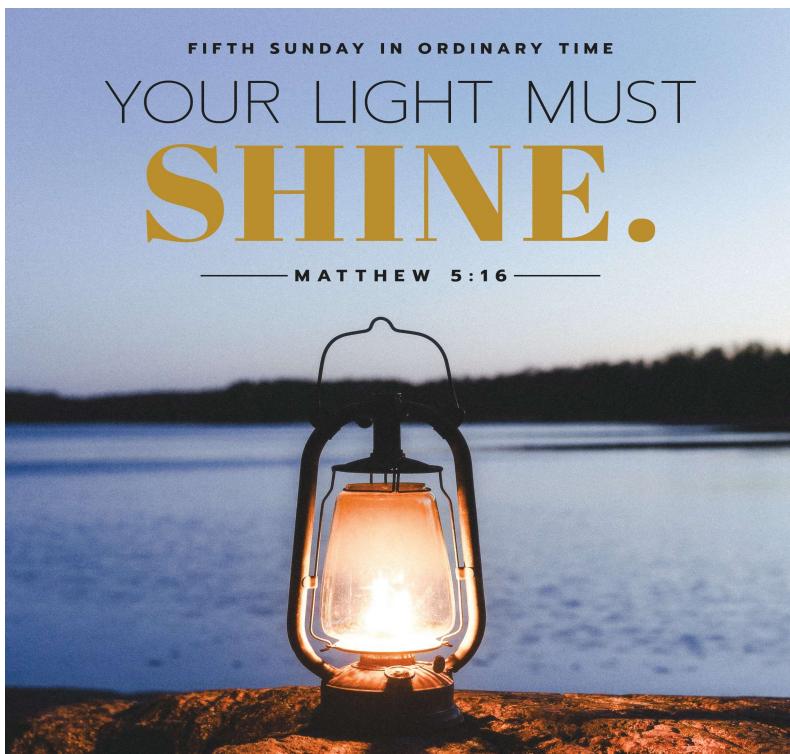


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Welcome!

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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call Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 7, 4:30PM

†Bob & Craig Farmer / Joy Farmer
†Delores Payer / Marty & Susan Kometz

Sunday, February 8, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, February 8, 10:00AM

†Bob Berning / Berning & Siele Families
†Leonard & Patricia Clark / Jeffrey Clark

Monday, February 9, 8:00AM

†George Doyle / Diana

Tuesday, February 10, 8:00AM

†Steve Hatczel/Marty & Susan Kometz

Wednesday, February 11, 12:00PM

†Bruce Kelle / Jeannette Clark

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

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

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

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Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar
Mary Kay Colgan
Gary Naberhaus
Karen Udell
William Hawkins

Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
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Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy
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WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

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

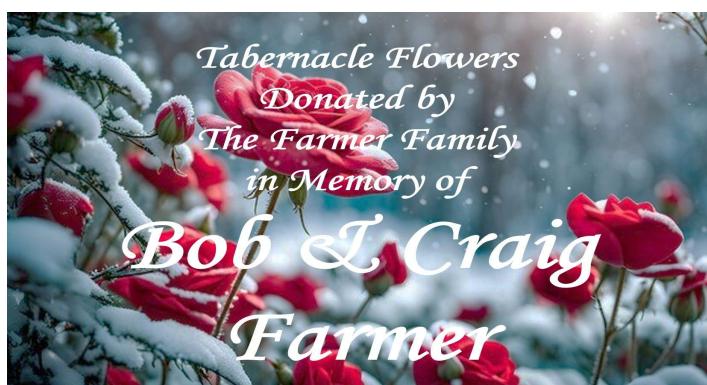
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

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: Sir 15:15-20/
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,
33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37



Parish Community

FEED THE NEED!

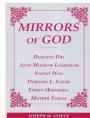


Feed The Need Illinois Returns!

Once again this year, *Feed My Starving Children* will host a Mobile Pack event on March 7 and 8 at Benedictine University. Ages 5 and up are welcome to pack life-saving meals. Come join like-minded volunteers across the community for a lively and meaningful outreach.

Registration is recommended and will open in mid February, but walk-ins are never turned away. For packing sessions and detailed information, visit: feedtheneedillinois.org.

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

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.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.



Join Father Greg for an evening All About Prayer

Father Greg will speak about:

- How to increase your prayer life
- The basis for prayer in the Bible
- Different prayer forms



This is a great way to start your Lenten Journey this year!

When: February 19, 2026

6:30 - 8:00pm

Where: St. Irene ACL

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



**The Genius of
J. R. R. Tolkien**
with Prof. Joseph Pearce

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



We will be recycling palms from
February 1-15.

Please deposit your palms in
the baskets by the doors.

**The Parish Offices will be
closed for the Presidents Day
Holiday on February 16.**

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Parish Community



Be a part of this new chapter!

See how the renovations are going on the
St. Irene Facebook -
<https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>



March for Kids March 14-15

You may know of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls as the producer of "Mass at Mercy Home;" a weekly Sunday service aired on WGN-TV. But Mercy Home also is a Chicago-based, Catholic-founded refuge for vulnerable children and young adults. Many youths come to Mercy Home having faced tremendous hardships including poverty, housing instability, violence, loss, and more. But with the full-time care, counseling, and education they receive at Mercy Home, young people can break the cycles of abuse, neglect, and poverty.

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council is participating in this year's annual Mercy Home fundraiser, *March for Kids*, in support of Mercy Home's mission.

Knights will be collecting donations after Masses downstairs in the "old" church during the St. Patrick's Day weekend. If you can, please be generous to this worthy charitable organization. Feel free to contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com if you need additional information.

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.



Johnson Family Connection Meal and Kitchen and Bath Donations February 19, 6:00pm

We are looking for new or gently used items such as towels, blankets, kitchenware, small appliances etc. as donations. Bring items to the Parish office or Church.

If you are interested in this meal ministry and would like to help, sign-up at link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AEA623A4F49-61934362-february>

We are looking for greeters, servers, set up and clean up people.

For children and youth ages 5+ and their musical family members of all ages.

Join the Easter 8:00 AM Mass Family Choir



Rehearsals:
Tuesdays 5:00-5:30 PM | March 3, 10, 17, 24

contact
ellen@st-irene.org





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



Questions:

- Have you ever put a flashlight in a bag?
- Could you really see the light from the flashlight?
- Is it a good idea to keep your flashlight in a bag?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's scripture story, Jesus is telling his disciples that they are the light of the world.
- In other words, Jesus is telling his disciples that they are to be flashlights that shine God's light, love, and healing.
- And, by shining God's light, the disciples would help the people around them see God's better way for them to live.
- This is why Jesus also tells his disciples to not hide God's light, to not keep what they know of God to themselves where it can't be seen, but to let that light shine!

Our Mission:

- The same thing that Jesus taught his disciples in today's scripture story is also true for us.
- We, too, can invite God into our lives and receive God's light, love, and healing.
- And while it's really good to experience God's light, love, and healing, we are reminded in today's passage that we are also made to then *shine* with God's light, love, and healing so that others can receive God's light, love and healing, too.
- When we do that, we are being God's light to the world, just like Jesus and the disciples were.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure

Week of January 19-January 25
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 8,229.00	\$ 140.00

Stewardship of Treasure

Week of January 26-February 1
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 21,152.00	\$ 794.00
Final Total for Share the Faith Collection \$2,399.00	



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WHEN: FEBRUARY 21, 2026
TIME: 9:00AM - 3:30PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE IMET WEBSITE

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\$100 per couple
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For more information, contact Mark & Sue Bonuccchi



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Your Gift to CMAA Makes an Impact!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to go **Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!** In service to those in need. Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community. Our parish benefits from many CMAA-supported ministries including vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation. Our parish goal is \$65,000. The diocese returns 70% of any amount raised over goal to our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!

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/elected_officials/treasurer/senior_serve/



Upcoming Events

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February 8 | 3:00pm

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

February 9 | 7:00pm

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

February 9 | 7:00pm

The Pursuit of Wisdom Series: Come join us as we discuss “The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien” meeting in School Room 202.

February 11 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

February 11 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

February 12 | 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights monthly meeting in the ACL.

February 13 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

February 14-15 | After 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. Join us for hospitality too!



30th 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. **As in previous years**, the raffle is based on purchasing squares in three separate football pools. For the Faith and Hope Pools the tickets are \$25 per square, and for the Charity pool the tickets are \$50 ticket per square. The squares and numbers for each ticket are assigned randomly. Multiple cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500 will be awarded throughout the football game on Super Bowl Sunday.

For questions contact James Halama at jrhalama@comcast.net or at 630-433-6240.



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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)

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 at 7PM with Rosary at 6:30PM (no soup, nor stations)
- **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

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