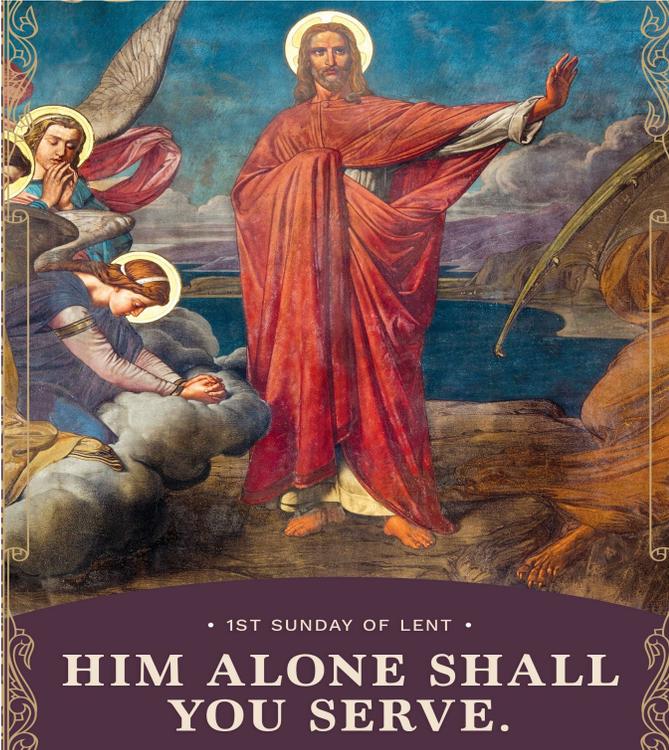


February
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Welcome!

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.
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21, 4:30PM

†James Jennings / Maureen Mitman

†Aurora Sanchez / Allison & Kevin Looby

Sunday, February 22, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, February 22, 10:00AM

†Helen Palys / Berning & Siele Families

†Stephanie Palys/Berning & Siele Families

Monday, February 23, 8:00AM

†Helen Shotts / Marty & Susan Kometz

Tuesday, February 24, 8:00AM

†Sophie Krzciak/Annette Kubalanza

Wednesday, February 25, 12:00PM

†Hampo Ghazarossian/Young Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, February 26, 7:00AM

†Holy Vocations to Priesthood, Religious

Life and Marriage

Friday, February 27, 7:00AM

†Ted Mlsna / Joanne Mlsna

Saturday, February 28, 4:30PM

†George & Elsie Simon/Simon Family

†Joseph R. Kubal / Kubal Family

Sunday, March 1, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 1, 10:00AM

†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies

†Sophie Krzciuk / Women of Faith



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/

Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16,

23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,

7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps

119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/

2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Chuck Dutton

Katie Stanutz

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

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William Hawkins

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 Feb 22

Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent





A Big Thank you!



The St. Irene Knights of Columbus wish to thank all the parishioners and the Knights who participated in this year's Super Bowl Raffle on February 8 to make it again a successful fundraiser. We sold out again this year, selling all 300 raffle tickets. They were purchased by 102 individuals. The drawing was held during and after the football game

Half of the gross receipts of \$10,000 were awarded as cash prizes, 51 in all, and the other half was retained by the Council to be used for projects at St. Irene Parish and the Warrenville Community. One in particular is \$1000 towards the catholic high school scholarship awarded each year. We thank raffle winners who donated their winnings back to the Council to a total of \$975.

For a complete list of winners go to:
<https://st-irenekofc.org/index.php/2026/02/12/feb-8-super-bowl-raffle-results/>



**JOIN ST. IRENE'S LUNCH BUNCH MINISTRY
 AS WE CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH
 WITH A TRADITIONAL
 ST. JOSEPH ALTAR and LUNCH
 THURSDAY, MARCH 5
 11:30 – 2:00PM in the ACL**

Father Clive will return to present
 "St. Joseph Speaks Enough!"

Visit the St. Joseph Altar and enjoy a traditional meatless meal featuring salad, stuffed shells, eggplant parm, and baked salmon with cookies for dessert. Water, lemonade, coffee and hot tea.

RSVP by February 27 to:
 Pam Dolan-Muhlenfeld
 call, text, or email
pameladm25@yahoo.com or 630-696-6321

SEE YOU THERE!
 Free Will Donation

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



Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)
When: Every other Monday
(2/23/26, 3/9/26, 3/23/26)
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm
RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org

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

April 11, 2026!!!

After you attend mass in our newly remodeled church on April 11th, you can stroll over to attend our *35th Annual Chili Cook-Off*. This event is a long-time treasured tradition here at St. Irene, and all are welcome.

To make this event a success, the 2026 Chili Cook-off committee needs your help. For starters, we need contestants! Got a great recipe? We are looking for contestants to come up with a theme for their booths, make the chili, and dish it out. Contestants will get two free entrance tickets, 2 coveted 35th Annual Chili Cook-off T-shirts and two drink tickets. In addition, this year, contestants will get \$150 the night of the event to off-set the cost of the ingredients and decorations.

Our second request is for donations of alcohol, wine or beer for our fun-loving Liquor Loop. Clean out your liquor cabinet and bring them to the kitchen in the lower level of the activity center before or after any mass or drop them off at the parish center.

Soon, we will be looking for volunteers to work the event. We are only asking for 1 hour of your time to help-out. Look for volunteer sign ups in the upcoming weeks.

For more information, please contact Jeff Schmitz at lschmitz1@comcast.net.



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.

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Parish Community

Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph at our Saint Joseph Sweets Table March 14-15 in the ACL after all the Masses sponsored by St. Irene Women of Faith



Paper Goods and Cleaning Product donations to the Neighborhood Food Pantry are appreciated.

The Saint Joseph Table tradition is said to date back to the Middle Ages when Sicilians prayed to St. Joseph for relief from drought and famine. After it rained and crops were harvested, people celebrated by sharing their bounty. Today, St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers and the protector of the family. His feast day is March 19.

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

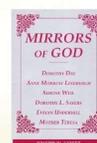


See how the renovations are going on the St. Irene Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>

Be a part of this new chapter!

Women's Book Study



Mirrors of God by Joseph W. Goetz

Next Session: March 2nd

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Location: St. Irene School Building Room 202

Lead by: Shannon M Burns

To sign up or learn more:

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



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday
March

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7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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March for Kids March 14-15

Mercy Home is a Chicago-based, Catholic-founded refuge for vulnerable children and young adults. The St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council is participating in this year's annual Mercy Home fundraiser, *March for Kids*.

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.



Questions:

- + Have you ever heard the chant, "Who's number one?"
- + Who is #1 in your life?
- + Who should be #1 in your life?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's scripture we hear the story known as "The Temptation of Jesus."
- The word "temptation" is a fancy word for "test."
- The test we hear Jesus being asked, in three different ways is "Who is #1?"
- Is food #1?
- Is Jesus #1?
- Is someone else #1?
- And all three times, Jesus says, "No, those things are not #1."
- God is #1."

Our Mission:

- Because Jesus kept answering that God is #1, then Jesus passed the temptation test.
- By passing this test, he showed others that God should be #1 in our lives.
- We show this by sharing, forgiving, and loving with God's abundance, forgiveness, and love.
- Jesus invited others, including each of us, to follow him so that we could learn from him how to do the same thing – how to make God #1 in our lives.
- As we learn to make God #1 in our lives, we are then better able to know and share God's abundance, forgiveness, and love with others – just like Jesus did.

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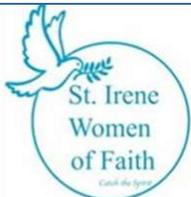
Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of February 2-February 8 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 14,757.57	\$ 1,495.00

Stewardship of Treasure Week of February 9-February 15 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,843.76	\$ 350.00

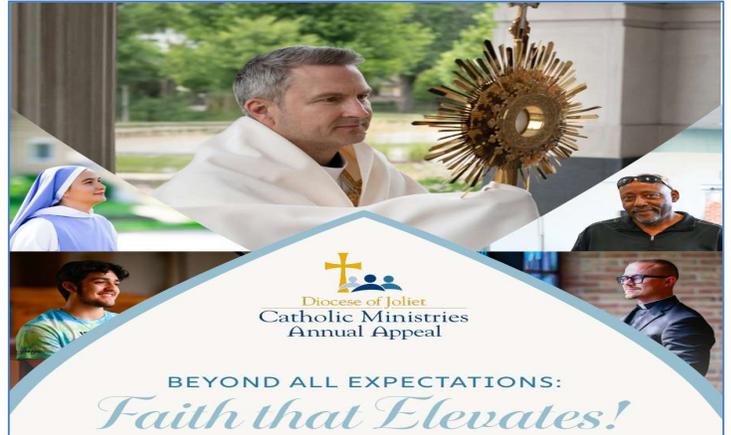


COMPANIONS
journeying together

St. Irene Women of Faith is collecting stationery and notecards for Mother's Day packets for **"Companions Journeying Together"**. Please place donations in the basket for the weekends of **February 28-March 1 and March 7-8 only**

Materials that are NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- White paper, notebook paper, yellow or very old cards or stationery
- Nothing with hand-written messages
- Cards envelopes or stationery that have glitter or anything glued, pasted or taped
- No stickers, crayon, highlighter nor marker



If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$65,000. Every gift makes a difference. If you still plan to give, please prayerfully consider how your faith can elevate you beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are available in church or use the envelope from the diocese. You can also give online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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.

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.



Upcoming Events

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February 23 | 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 25 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

February 26 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

February 26 | 6:30pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Gathering: Join the women of the Parish for the monthly gathering. All are welcome!

February 27 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

February 27 | 6:00pm

Soup Supper: The St. Irene Women of Faith will be hosting the Friday soup supper in the ACL.

February 27 | 7:00pm

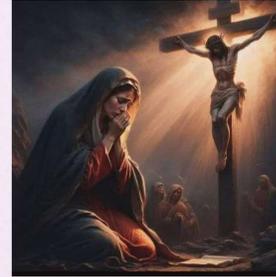
Stations of the Cross: The St. Irene Women of Faith will be hosting the Stations of the Cross Prayer

March 2 | 6:00pm

Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting: Join us and provide your input for the Chili Cook-off.

March 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.



Friday, February 27
Soup Supper at 6:00PM in the ACL and
St. Irene Women of Faith -
Mary's Way of the Cross at 7:00pm



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

March 14 – 1st Communion Retreat (10AM)

March 18 – 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (6PM)

March 21 – 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (10AM)

March 20 – No RE – Spring Break

Lenten Season

- Starting on Ash Wednesday through Lent - Almsgiving for OUTREACH
- February 27, March 13, 20, 27 - Soup Suppers at 6PM
- February 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 28-29 - Palm Sunday Masses at 4:30PM on Saturday and 8AM and 10AM on Sunday
- March 29 - 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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