

March
1
2026



2nd Sunday

O F L E N T

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Mt 17:1-2

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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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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 2, 8:00AM

†Kathryn Grych / 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, March 3, 8:00AM

†Michael Shevchuk / 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, March 4, 12:00PM

†William Baker / Family

Thursday, March 5, 7:00AM

†Dianne Kroll

Friday, March 6, 7:00AM

Morning Mass Group

Saturday, March 7, 4:30PM

†Hampo Ghazarossian / Young Family

†Dorothy & Lee Beening / Jeannette Clark

Sunday, March 8, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 8, 10:00AM

†Joan Nowak / Constance Krajeckr

†Robert DiPego / Diana

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20

/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and

23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/

Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/

Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,

20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,

18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

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.

Condolences to the Family of

Joyce Havemann

Entered eternal life

February 17, 2026

Tabernacle Flowers

Donated by

Shannon & Kevin Druley

in Memory of

**Christopher
Hellmann**

Condolences to the Family of



Sr. Nancy Ulrich
Director of Religious Education
St. Irene Church

Sr. Nancy Ulrich

Entered eternal life
on February 18, 2026



Visitation on Thursday, March 5 at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1501 South Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI followed by Funeral Mass at 10:00am

The Funeral will be live-streamed on <https://video.ibm.com/channel/school-sisters-of-st-francis>

Sr. Nancy will be buried at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Naperville, IL



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday
March

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7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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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.

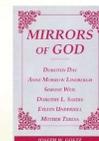
RSVP by February 27 to:

Pam Dolan-Muhlenfeld
call, text, or email

pameladm25@yahoo.com or 630-696-6321

SEE YOU THERE!
Free Will Donation

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

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.

In celebration of the church's renovation and God's goodness, the St. Irene Music Ministry presents

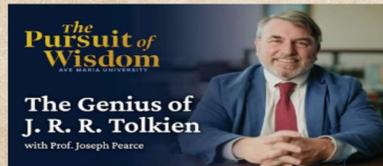
The Musical Glorious Mysteries

for children and adults

Sunday, April 26
6:30 - 7:30 PM

song, prayer, meditation, interactive art, handbells, choir, drama, flute, cello

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



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

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



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

April 11, 2026!!!

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.

Scan the QR Code to buy tickets to the Chile Cook-off or to buy 50/50 Raffle tickets.

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



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

Be a part of this new chapter!



Questions:

- + **Have you ever changed your mind about how you saw someone?**
- + **What made you change your mind about them?**
- + **Could you now see them as they truly are?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Transfiguration.
- The disciples have been following Jesus because they know that he is teaching them good things.
- It is not until the cloud came and God spoke to the disciples that they truly understood who Jesus was.
- The disciples understood that they were in the presence of God and it was very overwhelming for them.
- Jesus tells them that they do not need to be afraid and should follow him.

Our Mission:

- We need to listen for God in our daily lives.
- While we most likely will not have a voice speak to us from a cloud, God is always talking to us and wanting us to follow Jesus.
- So the question is, how do you find time to listen to God? How do you make time to follow Jesus and all of his teachings?
- How can you change your daily life this upcoming lenten season to make more time for God in your life?

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of February 16-February 22 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 7,267.30	\$ 210.00

Central/Eastern Europe/Ash Wednesday \$887.44

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.



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.



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



Diocese of Joliet

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

Applications for the *Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship* are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2026-2027 school year. This scholarship applies to any students currently in grades 8-11. Families will fill out a paper form and also apply online through FACTS.

Paper applications are available in the Parish Center, or you can request a form to be emailed to you from Laurie Schmitz. An application through FACTS must be made online. The deadline for an application to be returned to the Parish Center is **March 25th, 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.

Please contact Laurie Schmitz at 630-664-8569 or at lschmitz1@comcast.net for an application, or with any questions.

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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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.

March 2 | 7:00pm

Mirrors of God Study: Join Shannon Burns for a Women's Study meeting in School Room 202.

March 4 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

March 4 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

March 5 | 11:30pm

Senior Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for lunch and a presentation from Fr. Clive Otieno.

March 5 | 6:00pm

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Center to discuss church activities.

March 6 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

March 7 | 7:00am

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive in the ACL.



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

March 6, 7:00pm

with Rosary at 6:30pm

**Note: there will be no
soup supper nor Stations**



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 31 – No RE – Spring Break

Lenten Season

- **Starting on Ash Wednesday through Lent - Almsgiving for OUTREACH**
- **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 13, 20, 27 - Soup Suppers** at 6PM
- **March 13, 20, 27 - Stations** at 7PM
- **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

March 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.

March 9 | 7:00pm

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

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