

March
8
2026



3rd Sunday OF LENT

"A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'
Jn 4:7-8

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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, 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

Monday, March 9, 8:00AM

†Sophie Krzciuk / Cathy Kott

Tuesday, March 10, 8:00AM

†Randy Price / 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, March 11, 12:00PM

†William Baker / Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, March 12, 7:00AM

†Lars Anderson / Cathy Kott

Friday, March 13, 7:00AM

†Herbert Shotts/Marty & Susan Kometz

Saturday, March 14, 4:30PM

†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
†Virginia Rood/Kevin & Allison Looby

Sunday, March 15, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 15, 10:00AM

†Joan Nowak / Diana Doyle
†TeoDulfo Bautista Jr. / Friend



WEEKLY READINGS bible.usccb.org

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/
Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28
/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/
Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Katie Stanutz

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

Doreene Camardo

Chris Boettcher

Rich Planek

Fr. Gerald Riva

Bev Murphy

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Ken Intihar

Mary Kay Colgan

Gary Naberhaus

Karen Udell

William Hawkins

Veronica Munoz

Rob Siebert

Donna Bernstein

Paula Peterson

Jim McDermott

Christopher Kennedy

Leonardo Przybylek

David Peterson

Theo Reed

Fr. John Ouper

Cindy Naberhaus' Mom

Arlene Grossi

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

Condolences to the Family of

Bernice Palys Siele

Mother of Cathy Berning

Entered eternal life

February 23, 2026





St. Irene Women of Faith Nomination for Woman of the Year

Who among you stands out as leading a faith filled, loving life to their family and God?

Who continually serves our church and community with love and kindness?

Please prayerfully consider our women of the parish and let us know who you would nominate for Woman of the Year.

All nominations should be put in the ballot box or submitted to Pamela Keating by e-mail at pamela@st-irene.org by **March 21**.

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

LENT ALMSGIVING FOR:



Outreach Warrenville is a multi-purpose community service agency, serving residents of the greater Warrenville area since 1984.

With a goal of providing residents the opportunity to become all that God intends them to be, the Outreach Warrenville staff are professionally trained to minister to each person's physical, social, and spiritual needs. Services are available without preference to all people and, where fees apply, based on one's ability to pay.

Acrylic change boxes available in the back of church.



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 lcschmitz1@comcast.net for an application, or with any questions.



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

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



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.



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.

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.

Entrance tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets can be bought at the door or on-line (scan the QR Code to buy tickets). 50/50 raffle tickets can also be bought before and after Masses in the ACL. Last year's winner took home over \$1,300.

For more information, please contact Jeff Schmitz at jschmitz1@comcast.net.



CHRIST
 AT OUR CENTER
 church renovation campaign

Be a part of this new chapter!

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



Questions:

- + **Have you ever felt really thirsty?**
- + **How did you try to quench your thirst?**
- + **Are there other types of thirst than just needing water?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman at the well.
- Jesus asks her for a drink which was unheard of because Jews did not talk with Samaritans.
- Jesus quickly lets her know that he offers life giving water.
- Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- The Samaritan woman realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ.
- She knows that the water he offers is a very different type of water that will help the thirst in her heart, mind and soul.

Our Mission:

- And you know what? Because the woman at the well listened to Jesus, it helped her to know what her heart, mind and soul needed.
- Which made her so excited that she went and shared with everyone who was near her what she had learned.
- And that led to all of the people in the town choosing to go listen to Jesus.
- So Jesus stayed there for two more days to talk to them about how they could receive God's love.
- The same thing is true for us: As we listen to and learn from Jesus about God's love that our hearts and minds are thirsty for, then we can better receive God's love and share it with those around us.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of February 23-March 1 (Includes on-line contributions)

| Sunday Offertory | Building/Maintenance Fund |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| \$ 17,061.11 | \$ 933.00 |

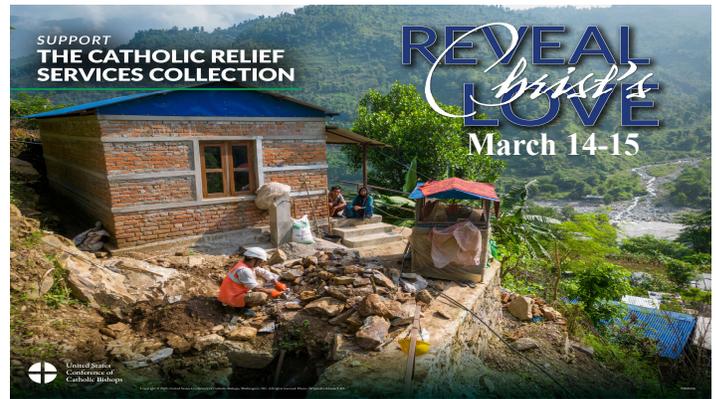


COMPANIONS
journeying together

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



Prayer Shawl and Cap'ture the Spirit Ministry Meeting March 11, 6:30pm in the Mobiles

Anyone interest in knitting or crochet join us. We will share patterns and help with how to's. Bring any finished items to donate as well.

For more information, please contact

Paula Peterson 630-319-3998

ppeterson1085@gmail.com or

Cathy Kott 630-393-9543 cakott1210@att.net

St. John the Baptist Church Annual Spring Bazaar March 14, 10:00-4:00pm



The Council of Catholic Women from St. John's in Winfield will sponsor their Annual Spring Bazaar which will be held in the hall below the Church – the north Liberty Street entrance. Featured items from local vendors include Food and Kitchen products, Hand Crafted Fashion and Home Accessories, Collectibles, Cosmetics and Jewelry. We also have a Bake Sale with delicious home-made goodies and a Raffle featuring items donated by the Vendors. For more information contact Venessa at venessalopatka@gmail.com.



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.

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 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.

March 11 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

March 11 | 6:30pm

Prayer Shawl & Cap'ture Meeting: Join this ministry to knit and crochet items for a healing mass.

March 11 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

March 12 | 6:30pm

Penance Service: Join us for a penance service and individual confessions.

March 12 | 7:00pm

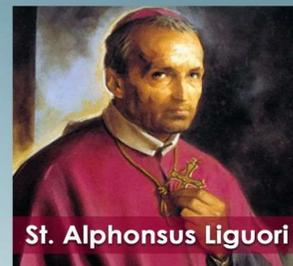
Knights of Columbus Meeting: Monthly business meeting will be held in the Mobiles.

March 13 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

March 14-15| After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality: Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **March**? Contact the Parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality too!



St. Alphonsus Liguori

Friday, March 13
Soup Supper at 6:00PM in the ACL and Small Christian Communities - Stations according to St. Alphonsus Liguori at 7:00pm



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

- March 10 – Family Choir (5PM in ACU)**
- March 14 – 1st Communion Retreat (10AM)**
- March 17 – Family Choir (5PM in ACU)**
- March 18 – 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (6PM)**
- March 21 – 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (6PM)**
- March 24 – Family Choir (5PM in ACU)**
- March 31 – No RE – Spring Break**

Lenten Season

- **Starting on Ash Wednesday through Lent - Almsgiving for OUTREACH**
- **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 - Easter Egg Hunt** at 1:00PM on Fr. Greg's lawn
- **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 - Liturgy of Our 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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