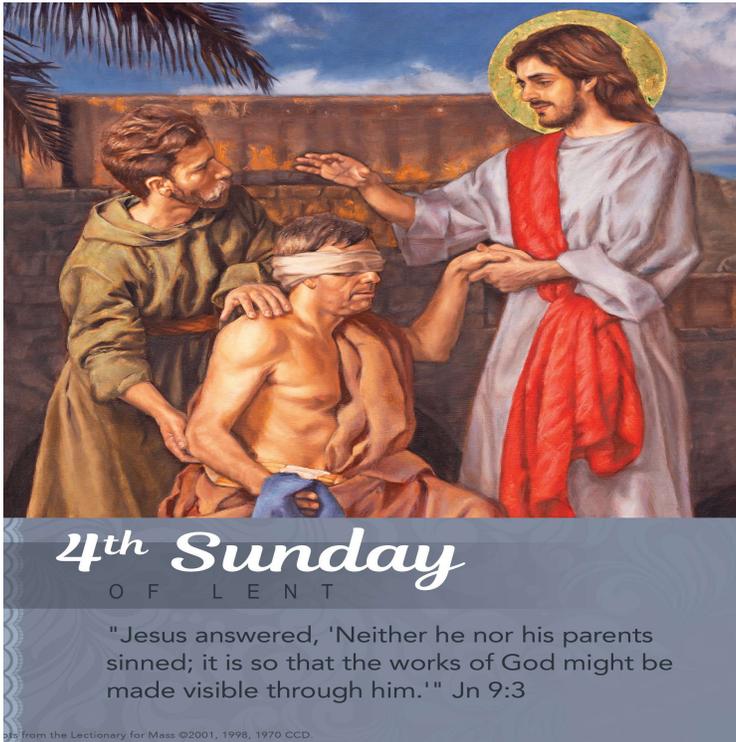


March
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Welcome!

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 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
†Teo Dulfo Bautista Jr. / Friend

Monday, March 16, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Tuesday, March 17, 8:00AM

Holy Vocations to Priesthood,
Religious Life, and Marriage

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00PM

†Bill Both / Marty & Susan Kometz

Thursday, March 19, 7:00AM

†Robert Shurson Jr. / Keating Family

Friday, March 20, 7:00AM

†Daniel Treier / Cathy Kott

Saturday, March 21, 4:30PM

†James Jennings / Maureen Mitman
†Margaret & Wayne Lindsay/Jeannette Clark

Sunday, March 22, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 22, 10:00AM

†Jon Alekna / Jeannette Clark
†Virginia Alvinito / Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/ Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

Doreene Camardo

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William Hawkins

Veronica Munoz

Rob Siebert

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

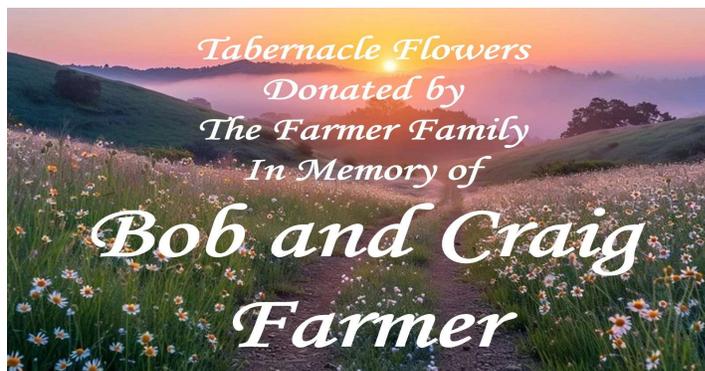
OBSERVANCES for the Week of Mar 15

Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent





Parish Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 28th at 1:00pm

The hunt will take place on Father Greg's lawn.
Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs!

Our Easter egg hunt will offer a separate area for those with sensory sensitive or special needs where individuals will have an opportunity to enjoy the fun in a less hectic atmosphere. Please join us for this fun day!



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| Yvonne Aranda | Mary Ann Bartz |
| David Cappa | Jackie Huttenhoff |
| Karen Johaneck | Bob LaDeur |
| Diane Lichtenberg | Kevin Looby |
| Diane Lynch | Karen Menconi |
| Donna Pelletier | Anna Saake |
| Denise Schmidt | Jean Simon |

Happy Anniversary!

Dwight & Janet Sherman
Mark & Diane Spiotta



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**.



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.

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



Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)
When: Every other Monday
Last Session March 23
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm
RSVP: 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



ST. IRENE LUNCHBUNCH
 POTLUCK LUNCHEON
 DATE: THURSDAY APRIL 9th
 LOWER ACTIVITY CENTER 11:30AM - 2PM

A-I: desserts/fruits/jellos
 J-R: SIDE DISHES -vegetables/salads/relishes/appetizers
 S-Z: MAIN COURSE - main dishes - any type of casseroles/pastas/meat dishes/sandwiches

Or bring what you want! Store bought is just fine!!

TOPIC: "OLD WARRENVILLE PRE WW1" presented by Dave Anderson, Warrenville Historical Society- descendant of ancestors from 1850s. He will also bring books/Warrenville Ornaments for sale

Any questions contact Anna Saake annasaake1960@gmail.com/ text or call 630.456.0644

FREE WILL DONATIONS WELCOMED



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



Johnson Family Connection Meal March 19, 6:00pm

If you are interested in this ministry and would like to help out, sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AE623A4F49-62726978-march>

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

WEE WORSHIP
 use the form available on hymnal rack in church

STORIES **CRAFTS** **GAMES** **MUSIC**

Mondays, 6 - 7 PM
April 6, 20, 27, May 4

- for children ages 3-6 & parents
- led by St. Irene music ministry

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 lcschmitz1@comcast.net.

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Alicia White from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

LPI Alicia White
 (800) 950-9952 x9783

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:

- + Can you see if you do not use your eyes?
- + What does it mean to see?
- + Is there more than one definition?

Tie it to the Gospel

- We hear about the first type of seeing (seeing with eyes) when Jesus heals a man who was blind.
- So Jesus, with God's help, healed the man's eyes so that he could see.
- But then the Pharisees, who are the religious leaders of Israel, they get upset because Jesus healed on the Sabbath.
- The Pharisees think Jesus did work when he healed the man.
- And because they think that working on the Sabbath is a bad thing to do, they are very upset with Jesus.
- Which brings us to the whole point of the story: Because the Pharisees are all upset about this "working on the Sabbath" thing, they can't "see" God's work.
- They don't see and don't understand what God is doing through and with Jesus.
- Which is why at the end of the story, Jesus has to tell them that even though they can see things with their eyes, they cannot see the things that God is doing right in front of them.

Our Mission:

- But, today's story is a reminder that we don't need to be like the Pharisees.
- In the same way that Jesus helped the blind man to see with his eyes, Jesus also helps us "see" how God is at work in the world – through us.
- Jesus shows us how to invite God into our lives so that God can work with us and through us in the world.
- And as we invite God into our lives like Jesus shows us to do, then we are doing the same things Jesus did – which is helping *others* see God better, too.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



Did you know you can make your donations automatically?
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 or by contacting Fred Schlick at
 630-393-2400 x114



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St. Irene Transitional Housing Bridge Committee

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
 WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

St. Irene's Bridge Committee is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to ending homelessness one family at a time. Our Faith community here at St. Irene helps support three families that were once homeless and are now transitioning to independent living. We are looking for people who would like to assist us in our journey with our families. There are many different ways to get involved. Please join us for our next meeting on **Monday, April 13 at 6:45pm in the ACL** to learn more about exciting opportunities to join our Bridge Committee. Please consider joining our team!

Lenten Confessions for the West DuPage Deanery

All 15 Parishes of the West DuPage Deanery are sharing in
TWO special days of Confessions with multiple priests

ALL DAY from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

on Friday, **March 20, 2026** at **Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard**

and also
 on Friday, **March 27, 2026** at **St. Mark Parish, Wheaton**

Our Deanery priests will be assisting in this Holy Time of grace. We invite you all to take advantage of this opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul."

(Our Lord to St. Faustina)



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.

LENT ALMSGIVING FOR:



OUTREACH

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.



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 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 and St. Joseph Table too!

March 15 | 10:00am

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

March 15 | 1:30pm

Lay Carmelite Meeting: Monthly meeting held in ACL, for info contact Debbie at 708-363-1753.

March 16 | 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 18 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

March 18 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

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

March 19 | 6:00pm

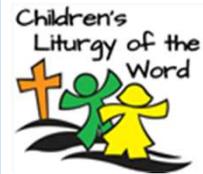
Johnson School Connection Meal: Volunteer to help at this very worthwhile community event. Contact Pamela Keating for information..

March 20 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

March 20 | 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Soup Supper and Stations: by Music Ministry



Join us for
**Liturgy of the Word
for Children**
March 15,
10:00AM Mass

Interested in volunteering, contact
Pamela Keating - pamela@st-irene.org



Friday, March 20
Soup Supper at 6:00PM in the ACL and
Music Ministry -
A Sinner's Stations of the Cross
at 7:00pm



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

March 17 – *Family Choir (5PM in ACU)*
March 18 – *8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (6PM)*
March 21 – *8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (10AM)*
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 20, 27** - Soup Suppers at 6PM
- **March 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 (No First Friday Holy Hour)
- **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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